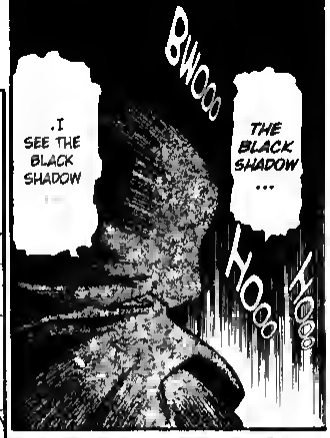
CHAPTER 1: THE CREEPING BLACK SHADOW!!

WHOOOOO
YAA-GHH!!!

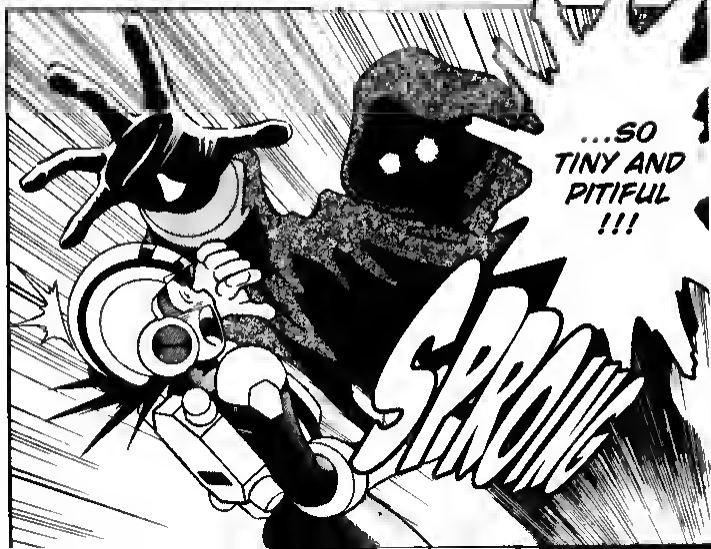
...AND TOOK OFF TO FIND A BETTER
SO HE'S FINALLY HAD HIS FILL OF LAN...
MEGA-MAN'S MISSING ?!
WHAT !!
NUH-UH! NO WAY!
BAP

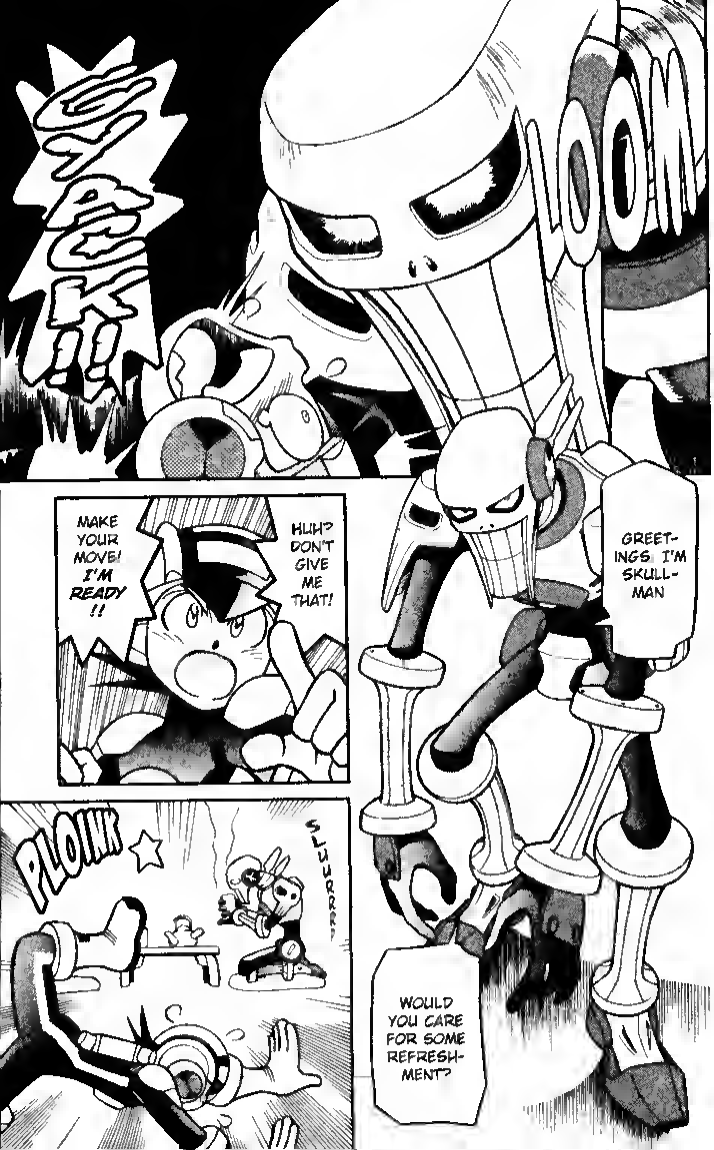
BECAUSE ...
BECAUSE ...
YOU'RE ..
BWOO

AND WHO ARE YOU?
WHY ARE YOU CRYING?

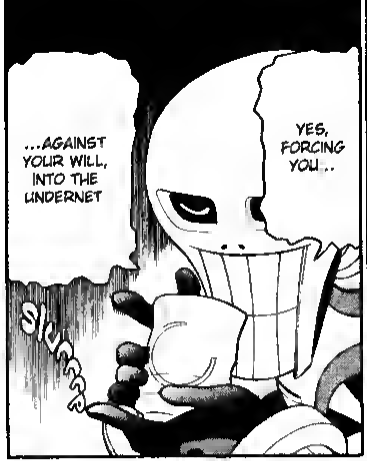

I SEE THE BLACK SHADOW ...
THE BLACK SHADOW ...
BWOOO
HOOO

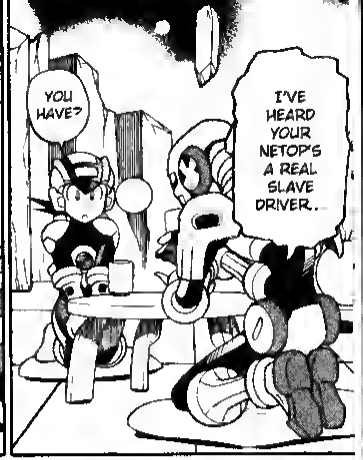
WHAT'S THAT?


...SO TINY AND PITIFUL !!!
SPRONG

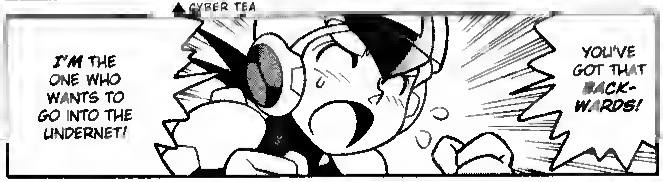

CYBECK!!
LOOM
GREET-INGS. I'M SKULL-MAN
WOULD YOU CARE FOR SOME REFRESH-MENT?
MAKE YOUR MOVE! I'M READY !!
HUH? DON'T GIVE ME THAT!
PLOIIK
SCRRRRTS

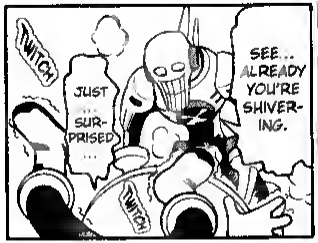
AND THAT'S WHERE?
WE'LL PICK UP HIS TRAIL FROM THERE
I NOTED PRECISELY WHERE HIS SIGNAL DIS-APPEARED
IS MEGA-MAN... UH, INTO ANTIQUES?
HE'S GOT TASTE.
ANTIQUE STORE ?
...AN ANTIQUE STORE ON SECOND STREET.
IN THE COM-PUTER OF...
I'LL REALLY CHEW HIM OUT FOR TAKIN' OFF LIKE THAT!
MAYBE ...WHO CARES?
UNNH..
ARE YOU AWAKE ?

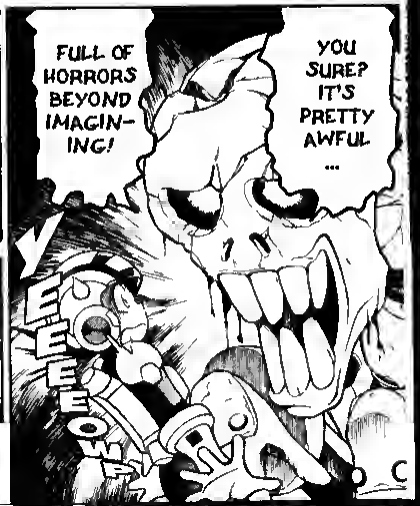


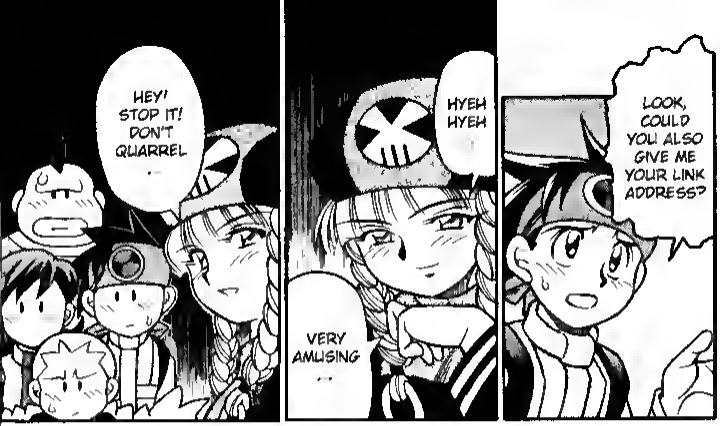


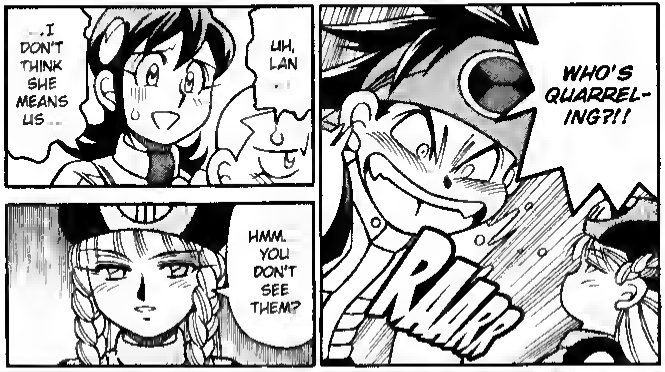
▲ CYBER TEA






FULL OF HORRORS BEYOND IMAGIN-ING!
YOU SURE? IT'S PRETTY AWFUL ...
EEEE

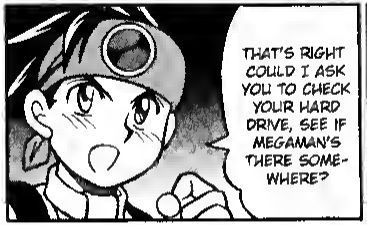

HEY! STOP IT! DON'T QUARREL...
HYEH HYEH
VERY AMUSING...
LOOK, COULD YOU ALSO GIVE ME YOUR LINK ADDRESS?

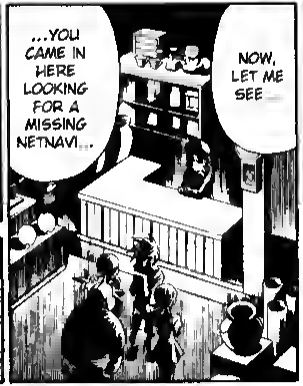

...I DON'T THINK SHE MEANS US...
UH, LAN...
HMM. YOU DON'T SEE THEM?
WHO'S QUARREL-ING?!!
RUUR

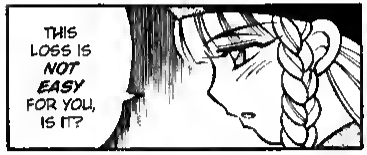
YET THERE ARE SO MANY OF THEM, SURROUNDING YOU...
HYEH HYEH HYEH HYEH HYEH
UUP

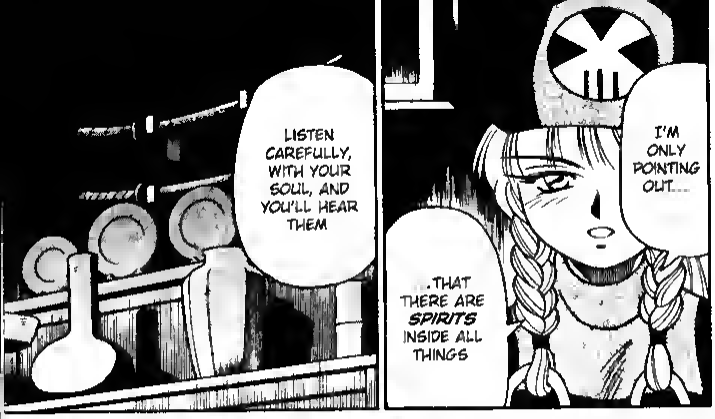
...TO MY STORE I AM...
...MIYU BLACK.

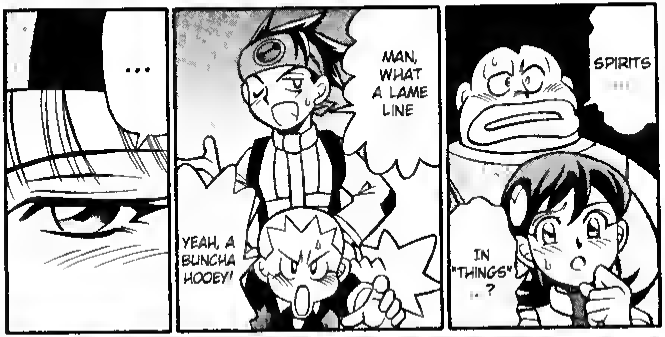
WELCOME, WELCOME...


THAT'S RIGHT COULD I ASK YOU TO CHECK YOUR HARD DRIVE, SEE IF MEGAMAN'S THERE SOMEWHERE?


NOW, LET ME SEE...
...YOU CAME IN HERE LOOKING FOR A MISSING NETNAVI...

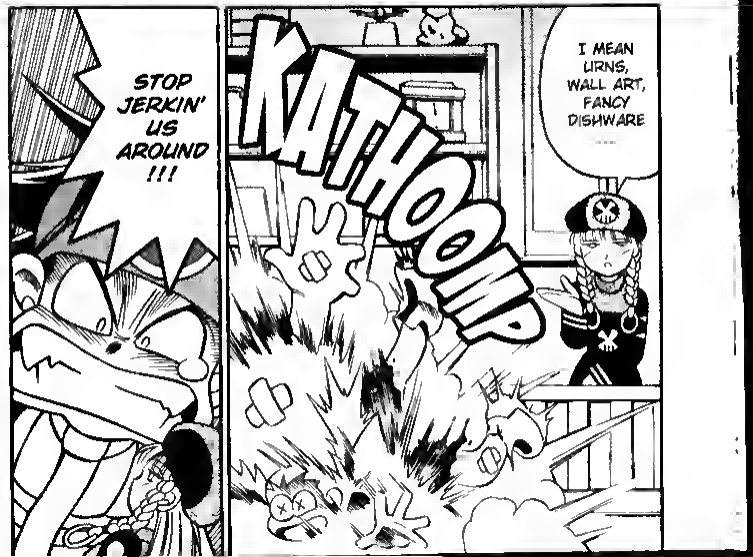

THIS LOSS IS NOT EASY FOR YOU, IS IT?

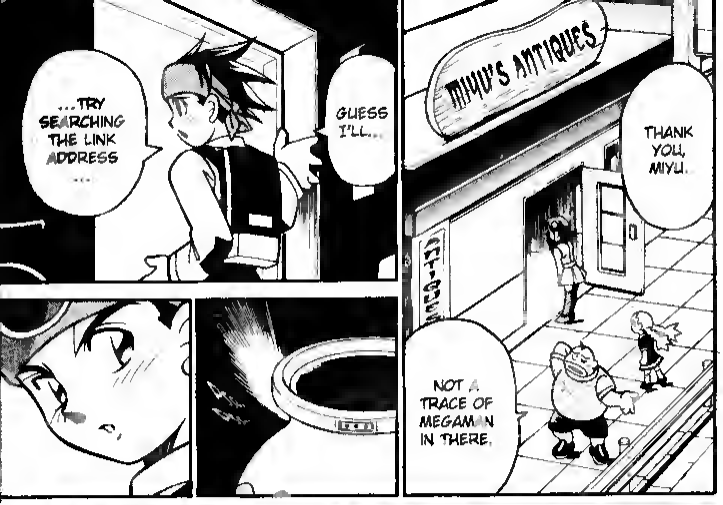

LISTEN CAREFULLY, WITH YOUR SOUL, AND YOU'LL HEAR THEM
I'M ONLY POINTING OUT....
...THAT THERE ARE SPIRITS INSIDE ALL THINGS

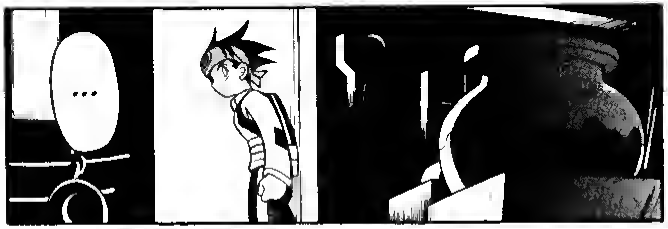

...
MAN, WHAT A LAME LINE
YEAH, A BUNCHA HOOEY!
SPIRITS ...
IN "THINGS"...?

TALK SENSE, WILLYA?!
AS I SUSPECTED ...
...YOU HAVE NO CAPACITY TO CONNECT WITH THE SOUL OF A NETNAVI.

WHAT? YOU...
...YOU MEAN...
...G ...G... GHOSTS ...?
SHAKE SHAKE
SHAKE SHAKE


STOP JERKIN' US AROUND !!!
KA-THOOM
I MEAN URNS, WALL ART, FANCY DISHWARE ...


...TRY SEARCHING THE LINK ADDRESS...
GUESS I'LL...
MIYU'S ANTIQUES
THANK YOU, MIYU.
NOT A TRACE OF MEGAMAN IN THERE.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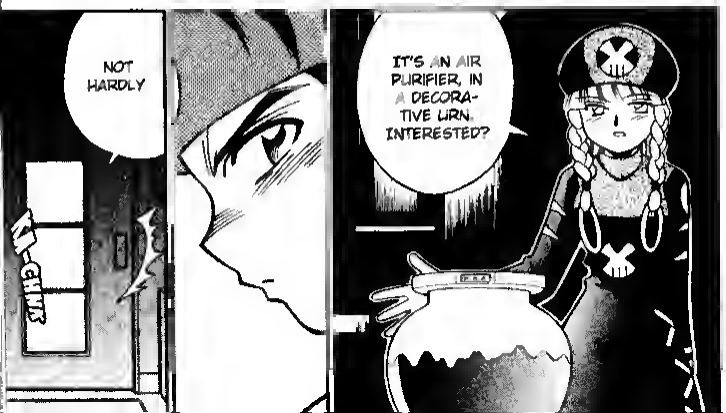
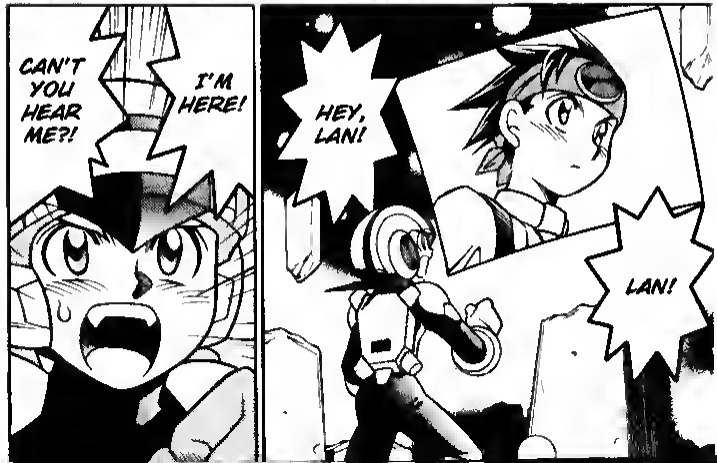
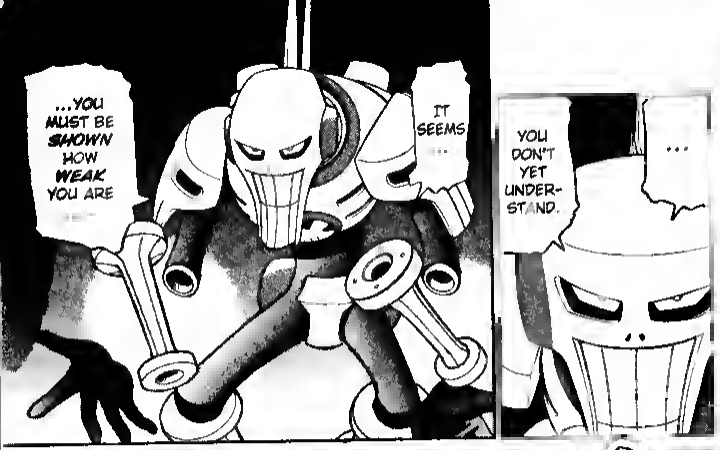

NOT HARDLY
KA-CHUNK
IT'S AN AIR PURIFIER, IN A DECORATIVE URN. INTERESTED?

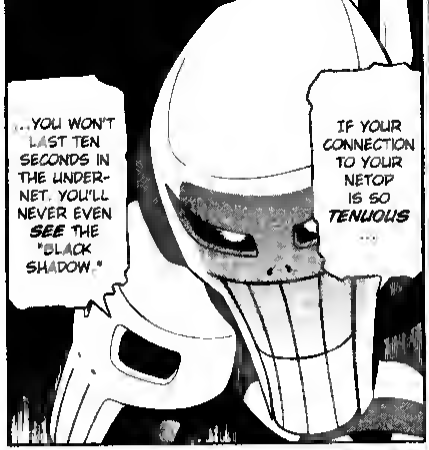
...!
NETNAVIS ARE "THINGS" TOO, YOU KNOW.
AND SO NEARLY ALIVE! BUT YOU DON'T BELIEVE THEY HAVE SOULS...

WOULD YOU KNOCK THAT OFF?!
HEE HEE HEE
HEE HEE HEE
ANY-WAY...
...FEEL FREE TO LOOK AROUND.

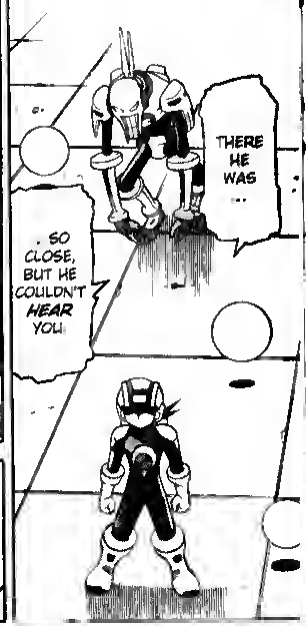

CAN'T YOU HEAR ME?!
I'M HERE!
HEY, LAN!
LAN!


...YOU MUST BE SHOWN HOW WEAK YOU ARE
IT SEEMS ...
YOU DON'T YET UNDER-STAND.
...

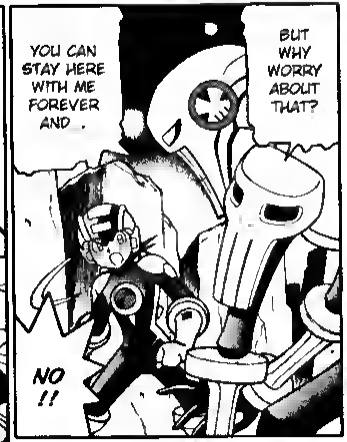
CRACK!
?!
CRACK!
WEAPONS? BUT...
YOU MAY HAVE YOUR CHOICE OF WEAPONS.


...YOU WON'T LAST TEN SECONDS IN THE UNDER-NET. YOU'LL NEVER EVEN SEE THE "BLACK SHADOW."
IF YOUR CONNECTION TO YOUR NETOP IS SO TENUOUS ...

THE "BLACK SHADOW" ...?


THERE HE WAS ...
. SO CLOSE, BUT HE COULDN'T HEAR YOU.

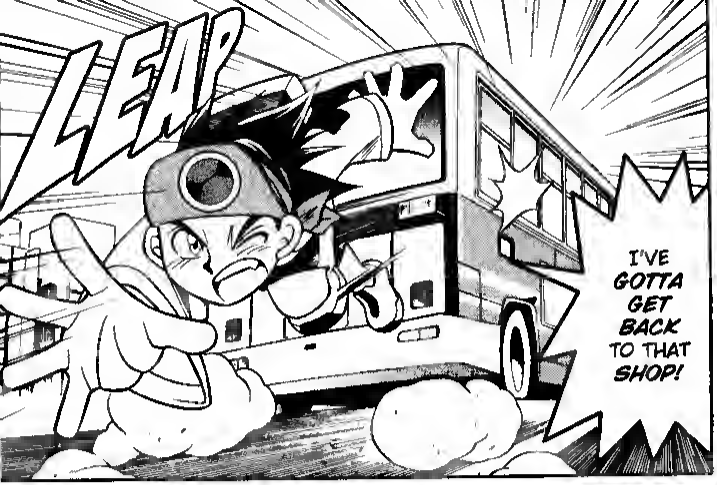
YOU LET ME OUT OF HERE, YOU GOT THAT?!
I'M NOT GONNA STAY HERE!

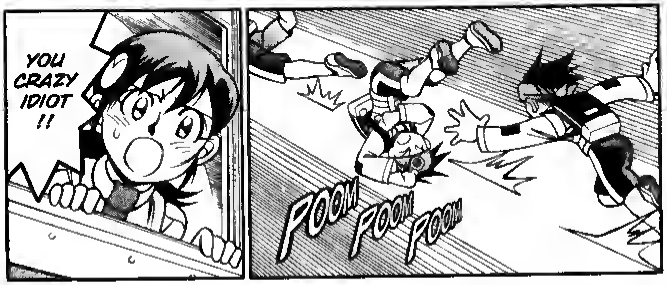

YOU CAN STAY HERE WITH ME FOREVER AND...
BUT WHY WORRY ABOUT THAT?
NO !!

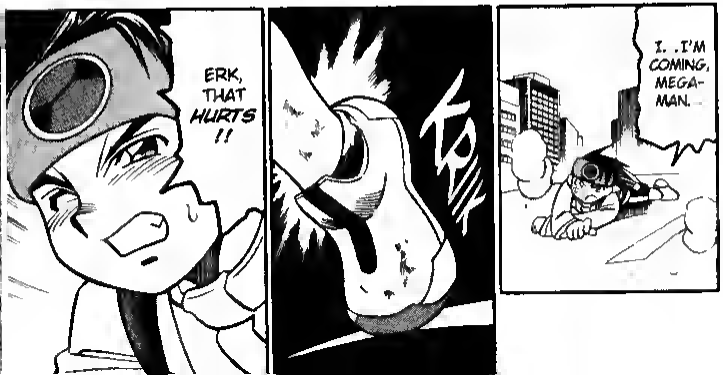
DRAT! I MISSED !!
BUT I'M CLEARLY FASTER! HOW...?
IT'S USE-LESS..

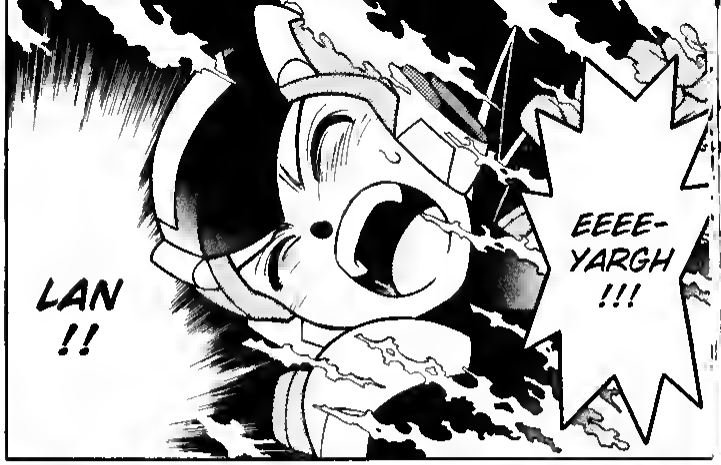
DEFEAT ME, AND YOU...
...EARN YOUR FREEDOM!
SNIF
ALL RIGHT...
ACK!
...LET'S DO IT!!

HAI-YAH!!
SHOOM
HUNNH..!
!!
GHOST-FIRE!!
NO....
FOR AN INSTANT, I COULDN'T READ HIS SOUL..
CAN'T BE AND YET....
...TO FIGHT ONE WHO SEES TO THE SOUL OF THINGS.
YOUR EVERY MOVE IS OBVIOUS TO ME
!!
YAAH!!
AAR-GH!!
...SO ACCEPT DEFEAT.
YOU CAN'T WIN....


LEAP
I'VE GOTTA GET BACK TO THAT SHOP!


YOU CRAZY IDIOT !!
POOM POOM POOM


ERK, THAT HURTS !!
I. .I'M COMING, MEGA-MAN.

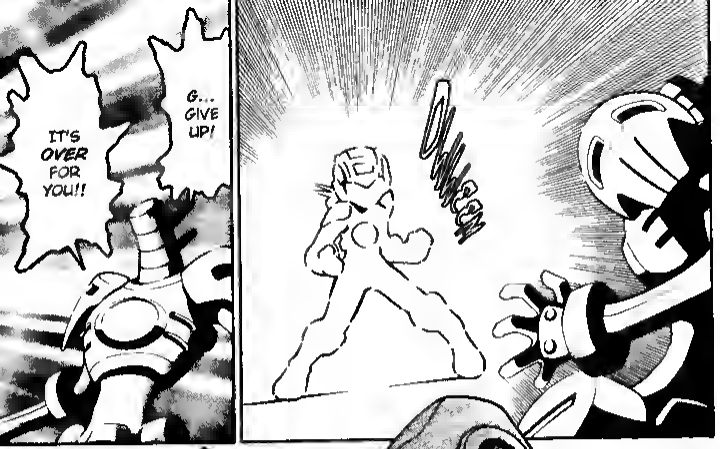

LAN !!
EEEE-YARGH !!!

MEGA-MAN?
VROOM

WHOA! WHAT'S WITH HIM?!
LAN, YOU CAN'T JUMP
CALLING OUT TO ME!!
I HEAR HIM..

COULD THAT QUALITY BE...
...A HUMAN SOUL?
A DIFFERENT QUALITY...
...PERME-ATES THE ESSENCE OF THIS ONE
I'M BAAACK ...BWA HA HA!
HUH?

HOW LONG WILL YOU KEEP RUNNING ?
PANT
PANT
PANT
OH, YOU'RE UP TO SOME-THING ..
..I SENSE THAT MUCH.
LAN'S COMING! I KNOW IT!!
I WON'T GIVE UP! NOT NOW!
BUT...I CAN'T MAKE OUT WHAT.
VERY PUZ-ZLING


IT'S OVER FOR YOU!!
G... GIVE UP!

ABOVE YOU, MEGA-MAN!!
THERE !!

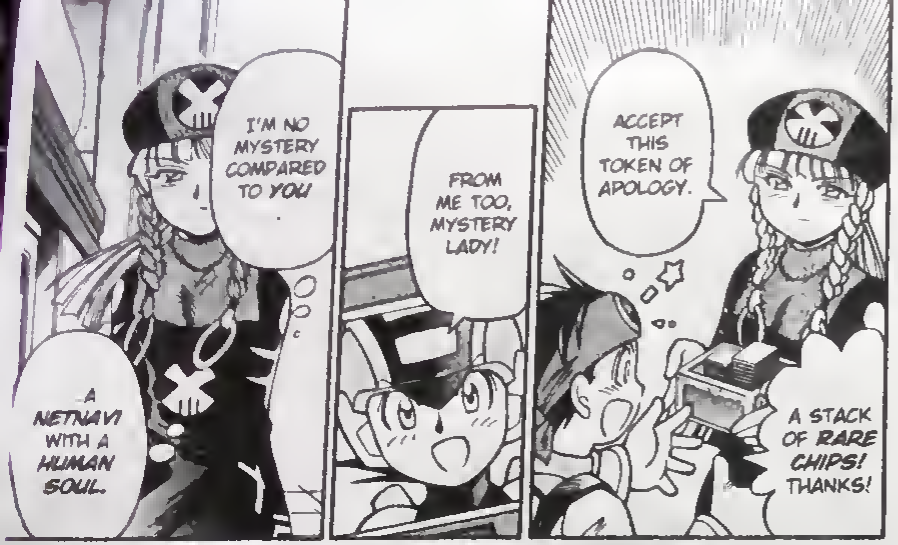
HOW DID YOU...?
THAT URN!
IT'S A NET APPLI-ANCE!!

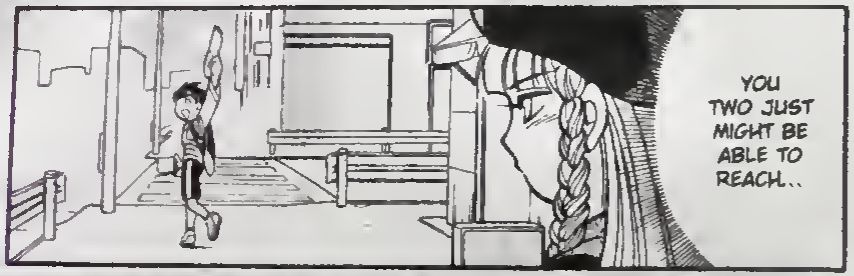
HAH!
BWOO...
SKULL CRUSH !!!

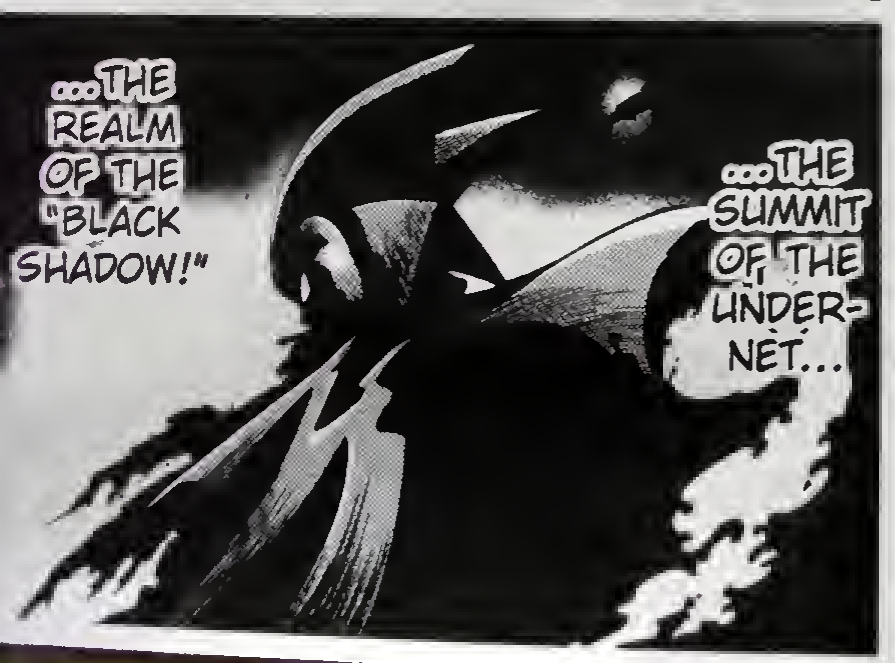
I NEED THE BIGGEST BOOST YOU'VE GOT!!
LAN!

YOU GOT IT!!
FIVE OMEGA ARROWS !!

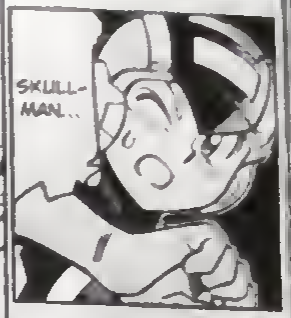
OMEGA ARROW !!!
PROGRAM-ADVANCE ...!!

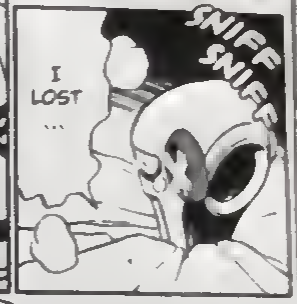

I'M NO MYSTERY COMPARED TO YOU.
A NETNAVI WITH A HUMAN SOUL.
FROM ME TOO, MYSTERY LADY!
ACCEPT THIS TOKEN OF APOLOGY.
A STACK OF RARE CHIPS! THANKS!


YOU TWO JUST MIGHT BE ABLE TO REACH...


...THE REALM OF THE "BLACK SHADOW!"
...THE SUMMIT OF THE UNDER-NET...

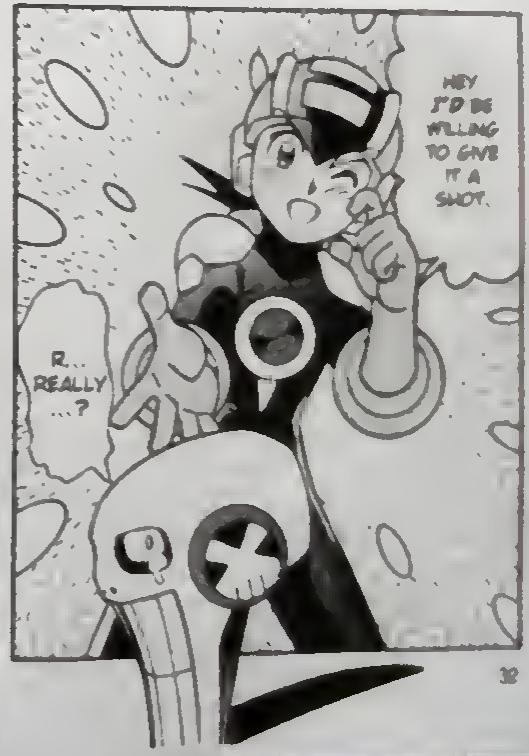
BWAAAA
WHY, OH WHY...
...COULDN'T WE JUST BE FRIENDS?

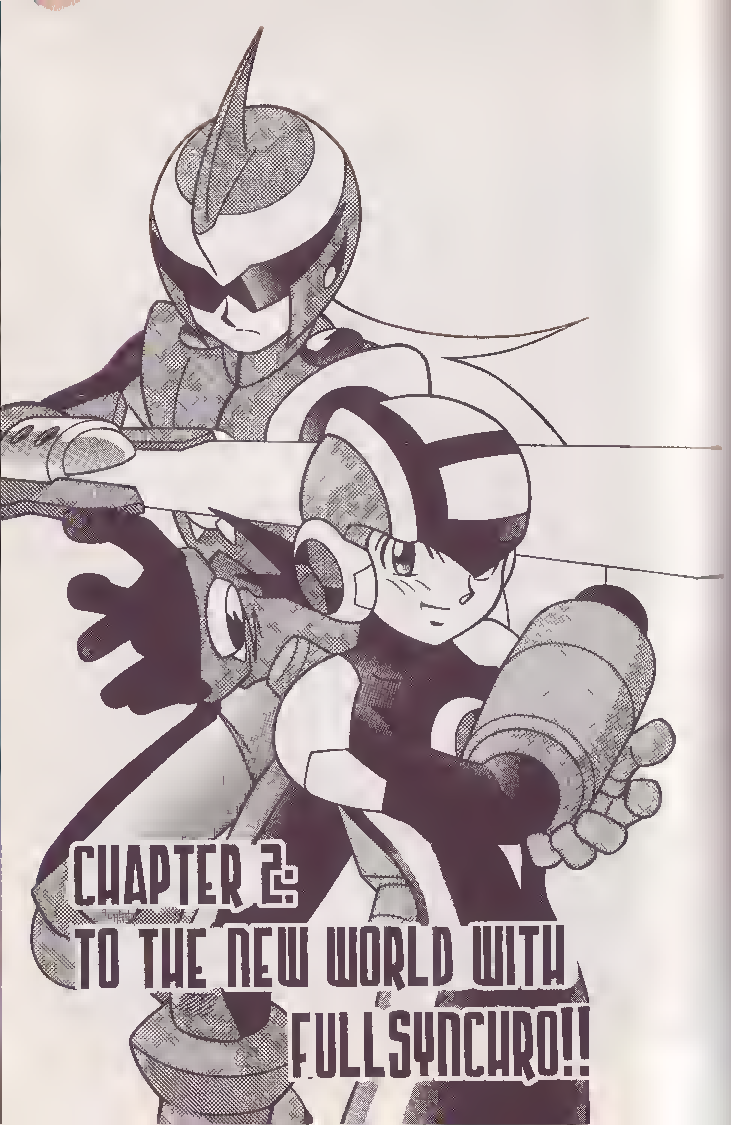

SKULL-MAN..


I LOST ...
SNIFF SNIFF

FWOOOMP

I MIS-JUDGED YOU. I'M SORRY.
I MISTOOK INEXPERI-ENCE FOR WEAKNESS. TRUTH IS, YOUR BONDS ARE STRONG.


HEY I'D BE WILLING TO GIVE IT A SHOT.
R... REALLY ...?



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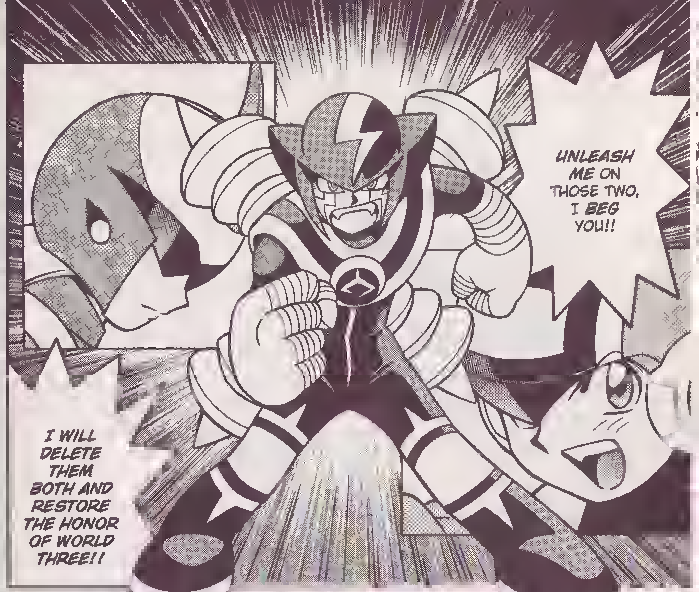
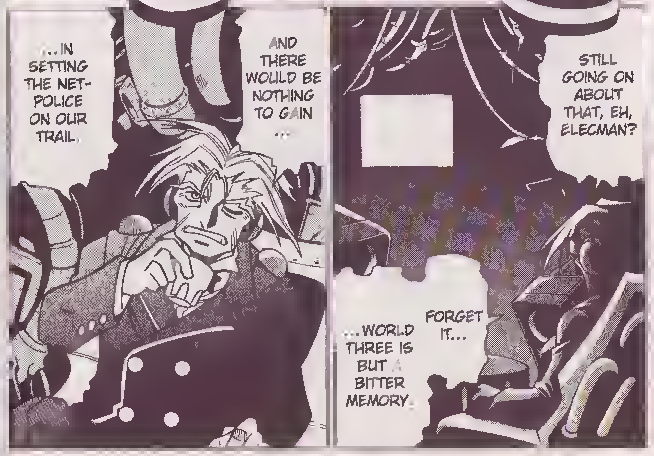
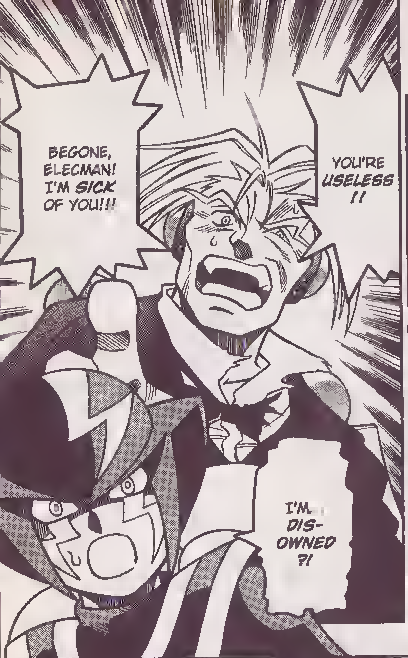
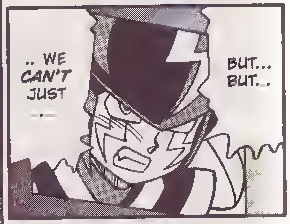
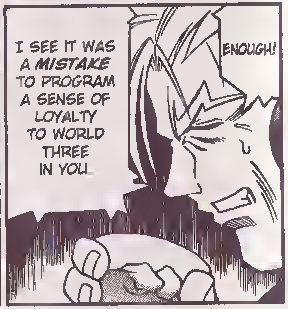
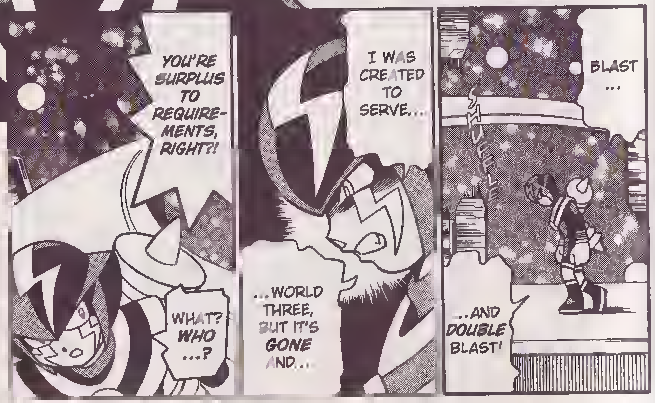

UNLEASH ME ON THOSE TWO, I BEG YOU!!
I WILL DELETE THEM BOTH AND RESTORE THE HONOR OF WORLD THREE!!

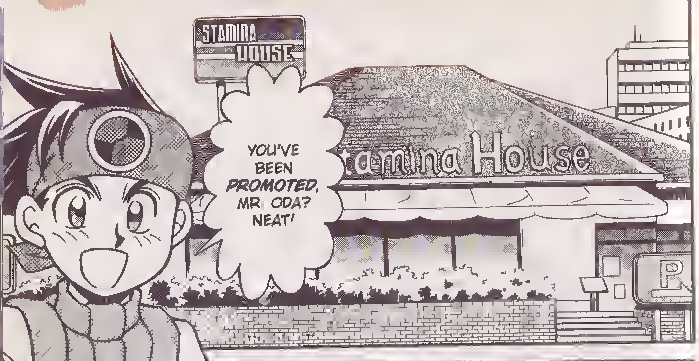

...IN SETTING THE NET-POLICE ON OUR TRAIL.
AND THERE WOULD BE NOTHING TO GAIN ...
STILL GOING ON ABOUT THAT, EH, ELECMAN?
...WORLD THREE IS BUT A BITTER MEMORY.
FORGET IT...

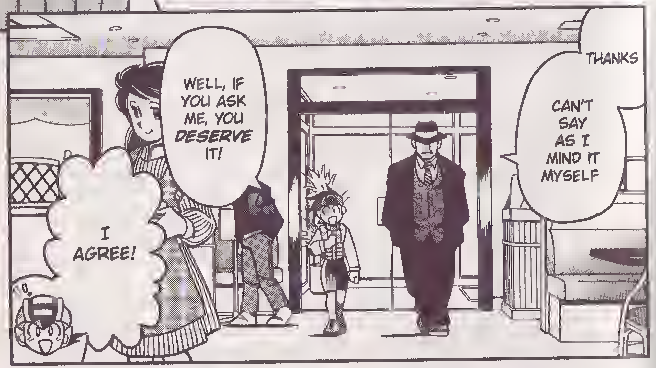

BEGONE, ELECMAN! I'M SICK OF YOU!!!
YOU'RE USELESS !!
I'M DIS-OWNED ?!

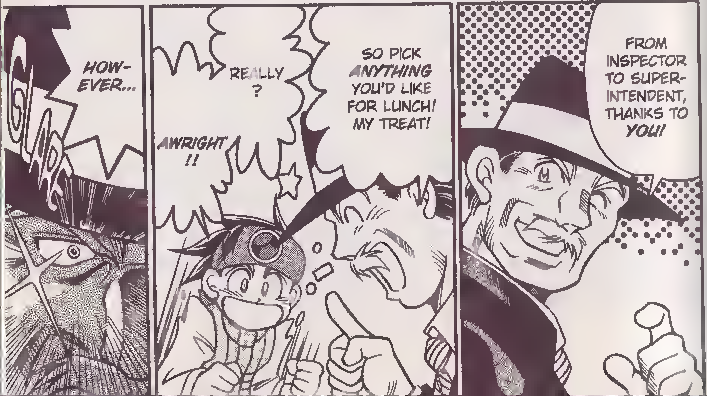

.. WE CAN'T JUST ...
BUT... BUT...


I SEE IT WAS A MISTAKE TO PROGRAM A SENSE OF LOYALTY TO WORLD THREE IN YOU.
ENOUGH!

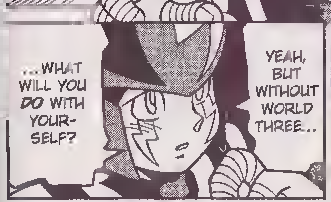

YOU'RE SURPLUS TO REQUIRE-MENTS, RIGHT?!
WHAT? WHO ...?
I WAS CREATED TO SERVE...
...WORLD THREE, BUT IT'S GONE AND...
BLAST ...
...AND DOUBLE BLAST!

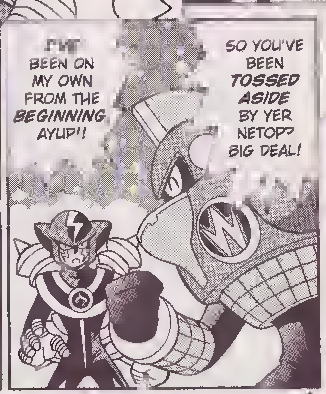

STAMINA HOUSE
YOU'VE BEEN PROMOTED, MR. ODA? NEAT!

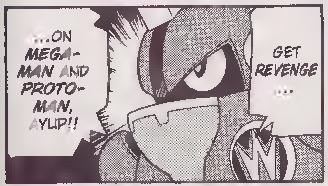

WELL, IF YOU ASK ME, YOU DESERVE IT!
I AGREE!
THANKS
CAN'T SAY AS I MIND IT MYSELF

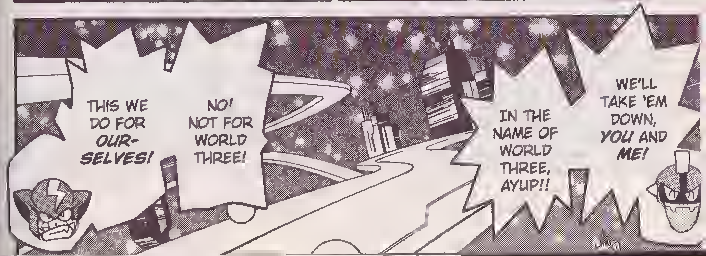

HOW-EVER...
GLARE
REALLY?
AWRIGHT!!
SO PICK ANYTHING YOU'D LIKE FOR LUNCH! MY TREAT!
FROM INSPECTOR TO SUPER-INTENDENT, THANKS TO YOU!!

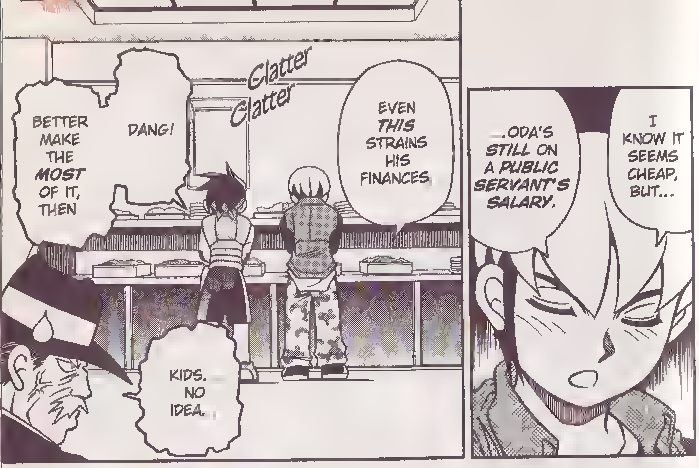
...BLASTER-MAN!!
YOU'RE WORLD THREE'S SOLO NETNAVI.


...WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH YOUR-SELF?
YEAH, BUT WITHOUT WORLD THREE...

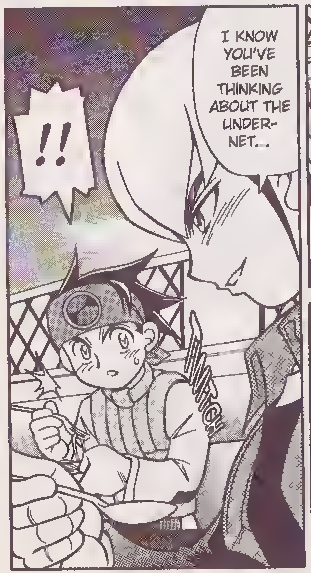

I'VE BEEN ON MY OWN FROM THE BEGINNING, AYUP!!
SO YOU'VE BEEN TOSSED ASIDE BY YER NETOP? BIG DEAL!


...ON MEGA-MAN AND PROTO-MAN, AYUP!!
GET REVENGE...


THIS WE DO FOR OUR-SELVES!
NO! NOT FOR WORLD THREE!
IN THE NAME OF WORLD THREE, AYUP!!
WE'LL TAKE 'EM DOWN, YOU AND ME!


Clatter
Clatter
BETTER MAKE THE MOST OF IT, THEN
DANG!
EVEN THIS STRAINS HIS FINANCES.
KIDS. NO IDEA.

I KNOW IT SEEMS CHEAP, BUT...
...ODA'S STILL ON A PUBLIC SERVANT'S SALARY.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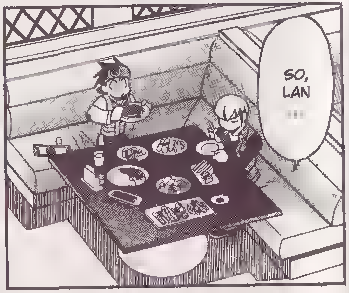
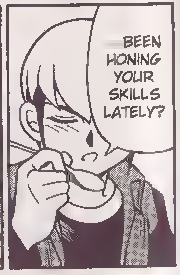
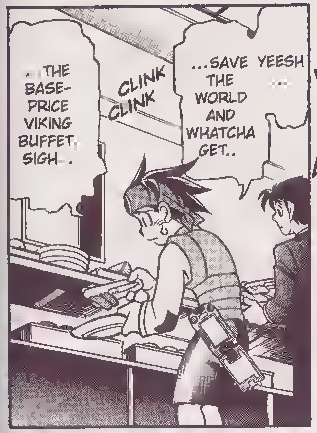
I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT THE UNDER-NET...

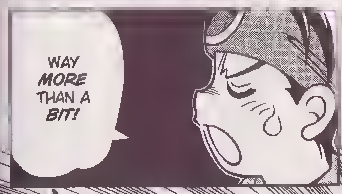

SO, LAN

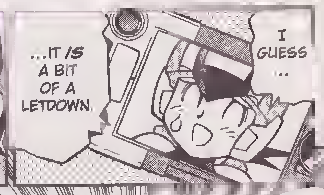
HUH! WHY DO YOU ASK?

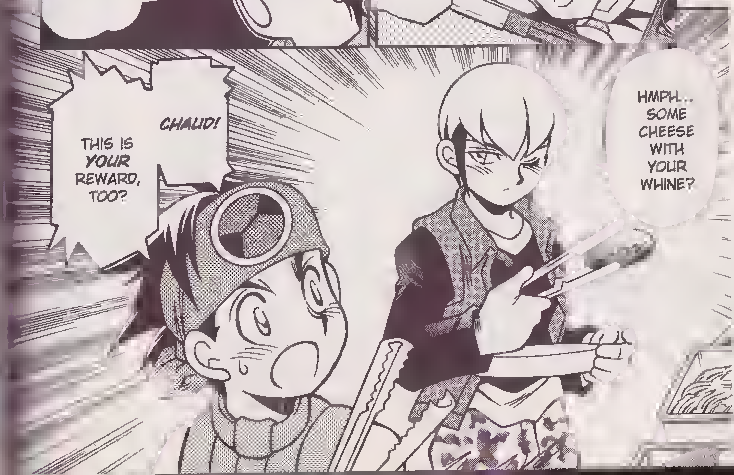

BEEN HONING YOUR SKILLS LATELY?


...THE BASE-PRICE VIKING BUFFET, SIGH...
CLINK CLINK
...SAVE THE WORLD AND WHATCHA GET..
YEESH

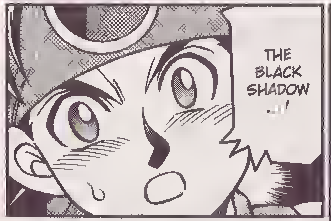
LUNCH 1280z
VIKING
ALL YOU CAN EAT
90 MINUTE LIMIT
AND FORGET THE TOP-GRADE SUSHI! THAT'S EXTRA!!
..THIS IS WHERE WE'RE EATING !!

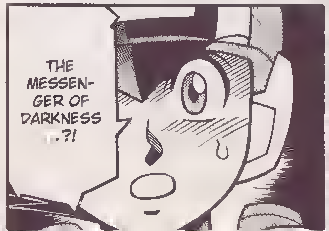

WAY MORE THAN A BIT!

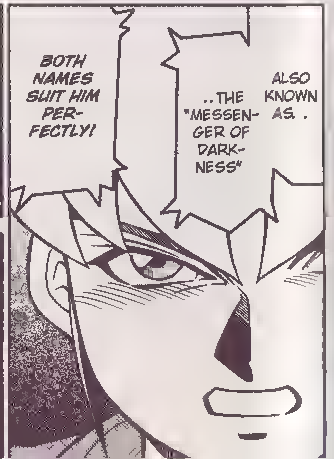

...IT IS A BIT OF A LETDOWN.
I GUESS...

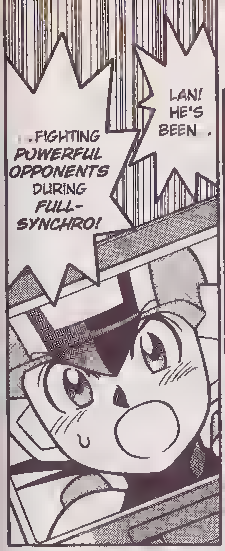

CHALID!
THIS IS YOUR REWARD, TOO?
HMPH... SOME CHEESE WITH YOUR WHINE?

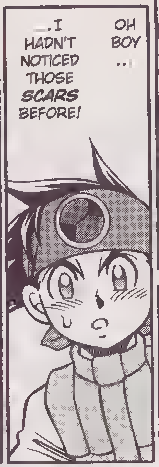
BUT IN THE UNDERNET HE DOESN'T BEGIN TO COMPARE WITH...
...THE ULTIMATE UNDEFEATED NETNAVI - THE BLACK SHADOW!!!

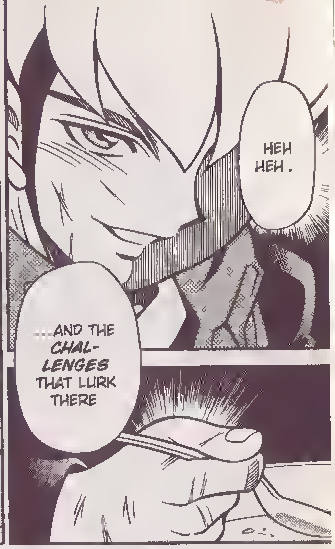

THE BLACK SHADOW ...!

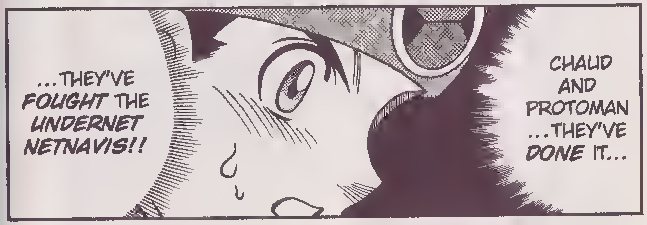

THE MESSENGER OF DARKNESS ...?!

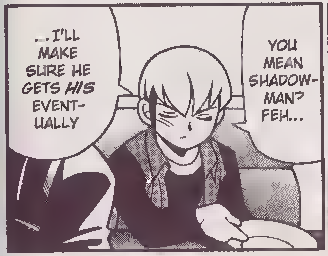

BOTH NAMES SUIT HIM PERFECTLY!
..THE "MESSENGER OF DARKNESS"
ALSO KNOWN AS..

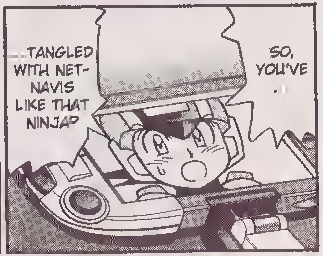

...FIGHTING POWERFUL OPPONENTS DURING FULL-SYNCHRO!
LAN! HE'S BEEN..

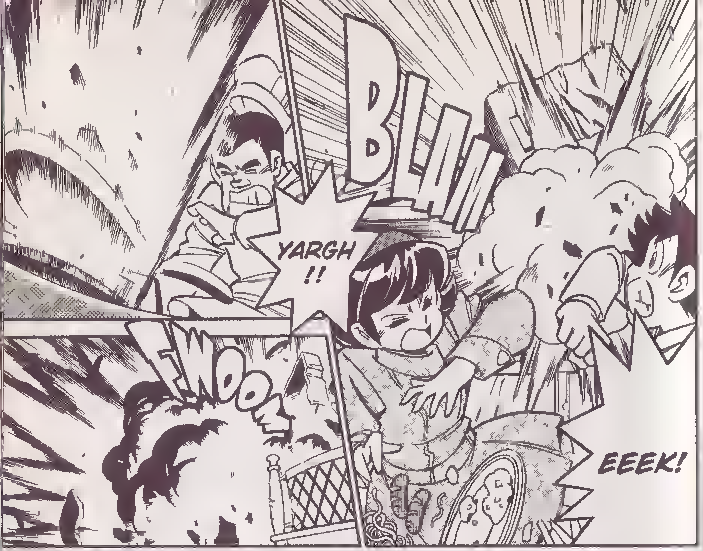

...I HADN'T NOTICED THOSE SCARS BEFORE!
OH BOY..!

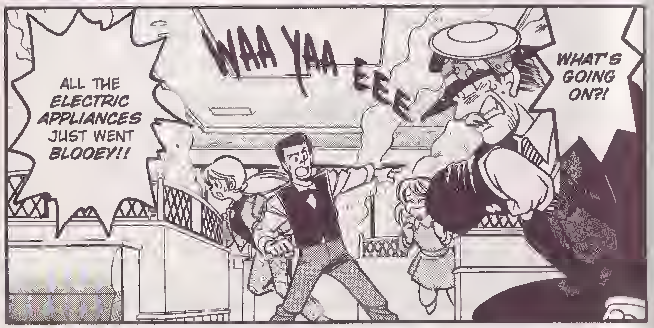

HEH HEH.
...AND THE CHALLENGES THAT LURK THERE

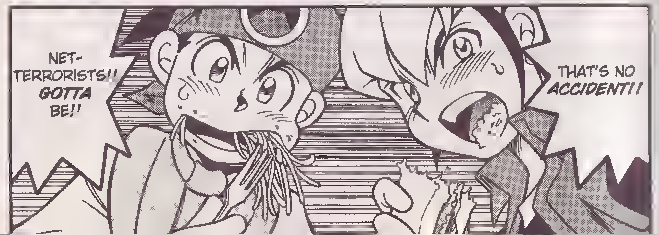

...THEY'VE FOUGHT THE UNDERNET NETNAVIS!!
CHAUD AND PROTOMAN ...THEY'VE DONE IT...

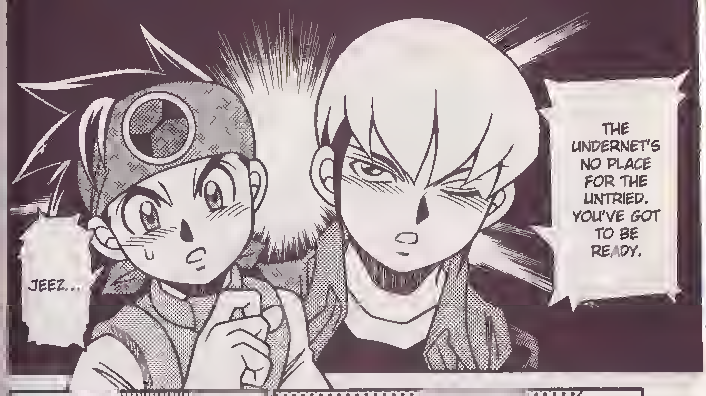

...I'LL MAKE SURE HE GETS HIS EVENTUALLY
YOU MEAN SHADOWMAN? FEH...


...TANGLED WITH NETNAVIS LIKE THAT NINJA?
SO, YOU'VE..

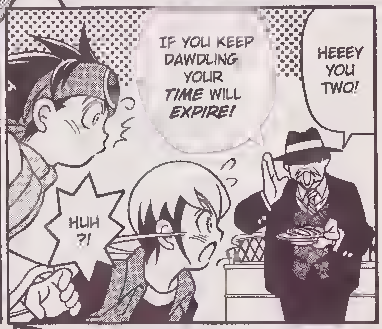

BLUH!!
YARGH!!
EEEK!

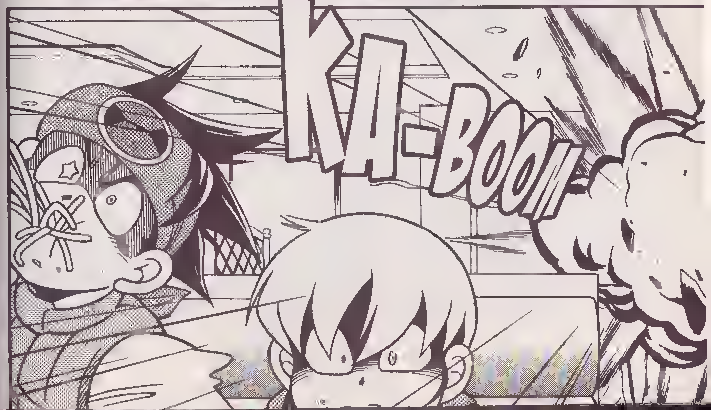

WAA YAA EEE
ALL THE ELECTRIC APPLIANCES JUST WENT BLOOEY!!
WHAT'S GOING ON?!

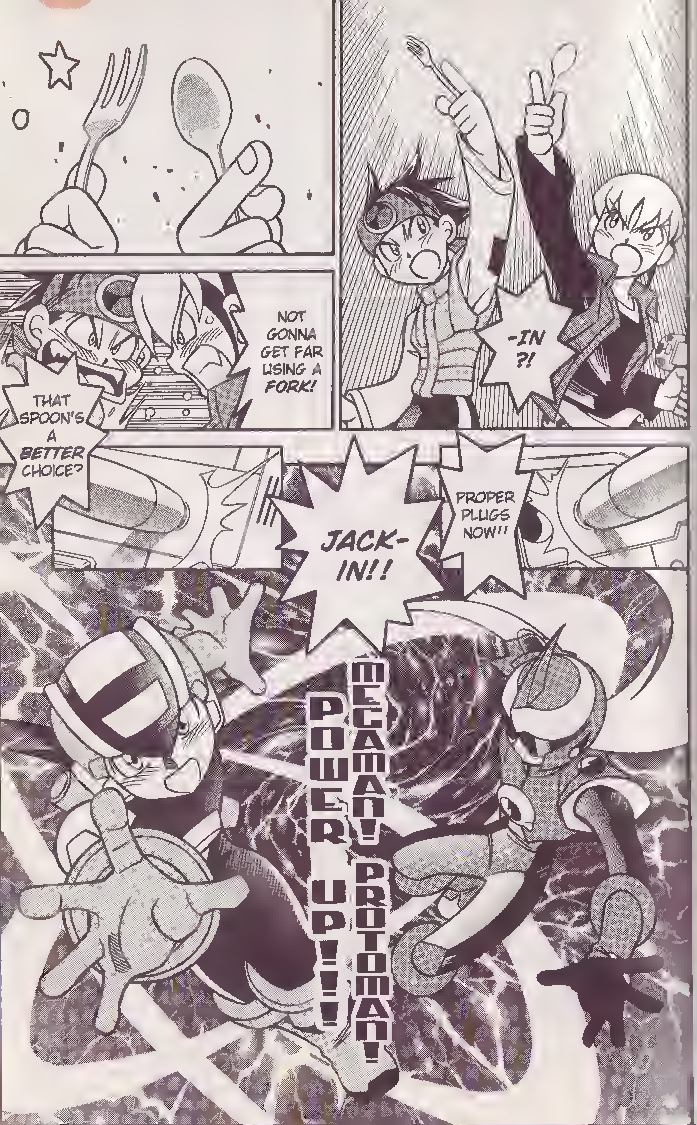

NET-TERRORISTS!! GOTTA BE!!
THAT'S NO ACCIDENT!!

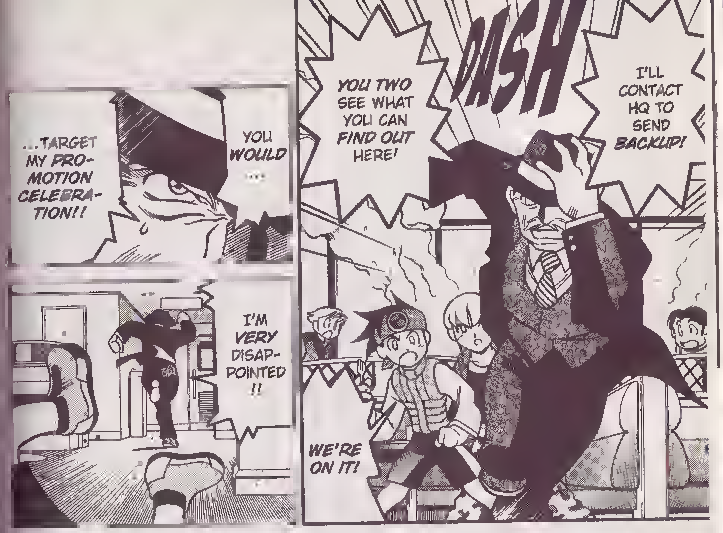

JEEZ...
THE UNDERNET'S NO PLACE FOR THE UNTRIED. YOU'VE GOT TO BE READY.

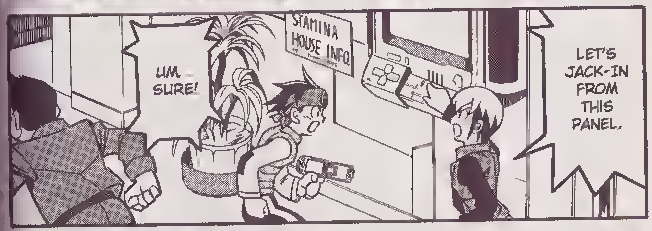
WE'VE BARELY STARTED!
Chomp Chomp Gobble Gobble
NERTS!

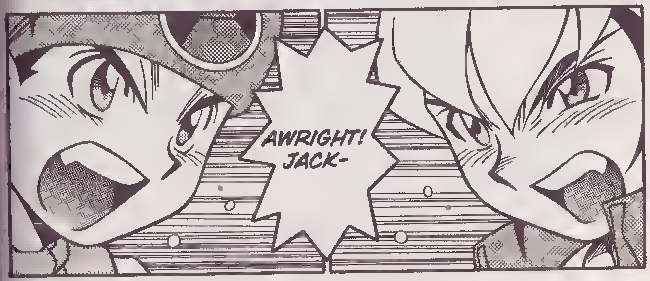

IF YOU KEEP DAWDLING YOUR TIME WILL EXPIRE!
HEEEY YOU TWO!
HUH?!

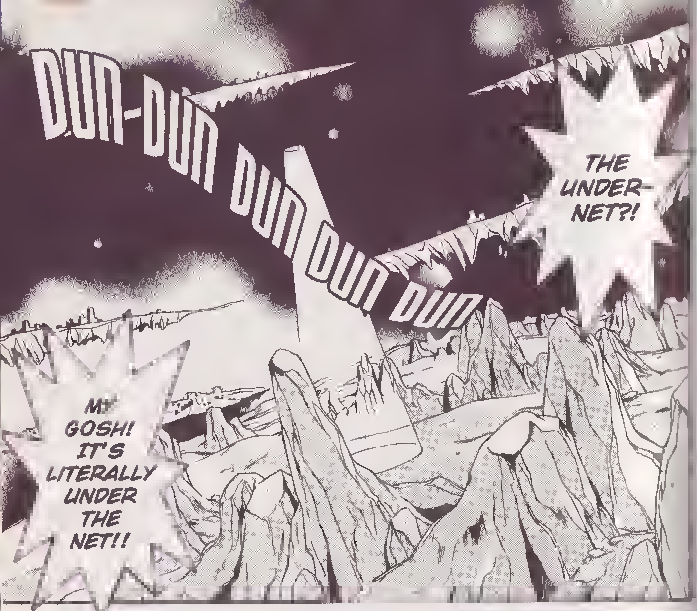

KA-BOOM

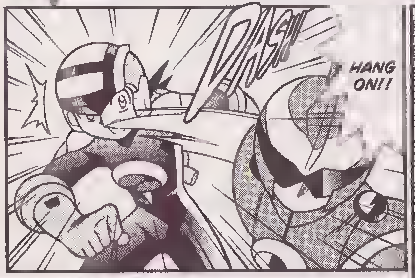

NOT GONNA GET FAR USING A FORK!
THAT SPOON'S A BETTER CHOICE?
-IN ?!
JACK-IN!!
PROPER PLUGS NOW!!
MEGAMAN! PROTOMAN!
POWER UP!!!

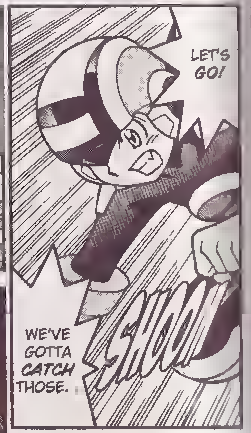

...TARGET MY PRO-MOTION CELEBRA-TION!!
YOU WOULD ...
I'M VERY DISAP-POINTED !!
DASH
YOU TWO SEE WHAT YOU CAN FIND OUT HERE!
I'LL CONTACT HQ TO SEND BACKUP!
WE'RE ON IT!

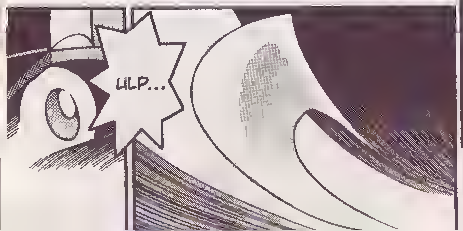

STAMINA HOUSE INFO
UM.. SURE!
LET'S JACK-IN FROM THIS PANEL.

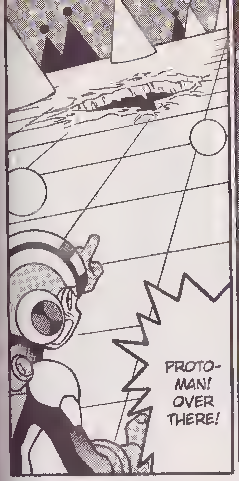

AWRIGHT! JACK-

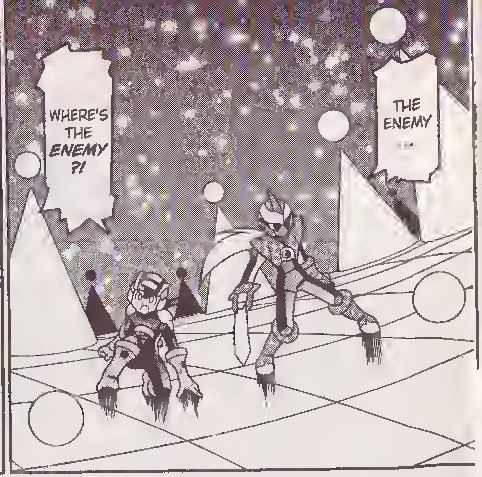

DUN-DUN DUN DUN DUN
THE UNDER-NET?!
MY GOSH! IT'S LITERALLY UNDER THE NET!!

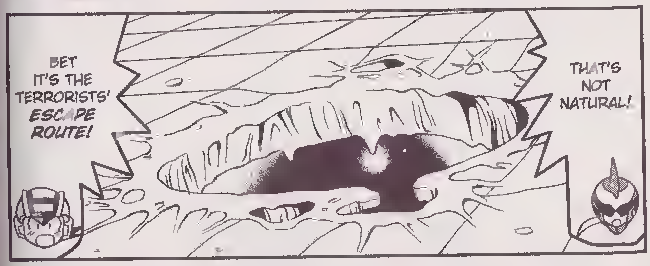

HANG ON!!


LET'S GO!
WE'VE GOTTA CATCH THOSE.


ULP...


PROTO-MAN! OVER THERE!


WHERE'S THE ENEMY?!
THE ENEMY


BET IT'S THE TERRORISTS' ESCAPE ROUTE!
THAT'S NOT NATURAL!

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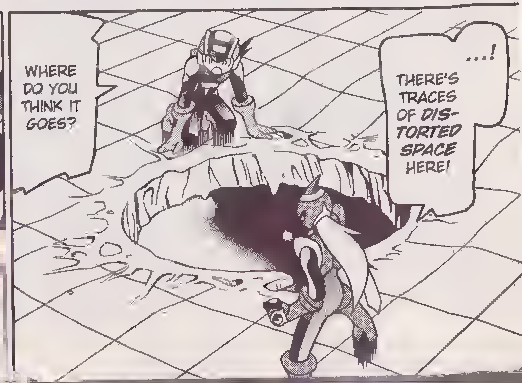
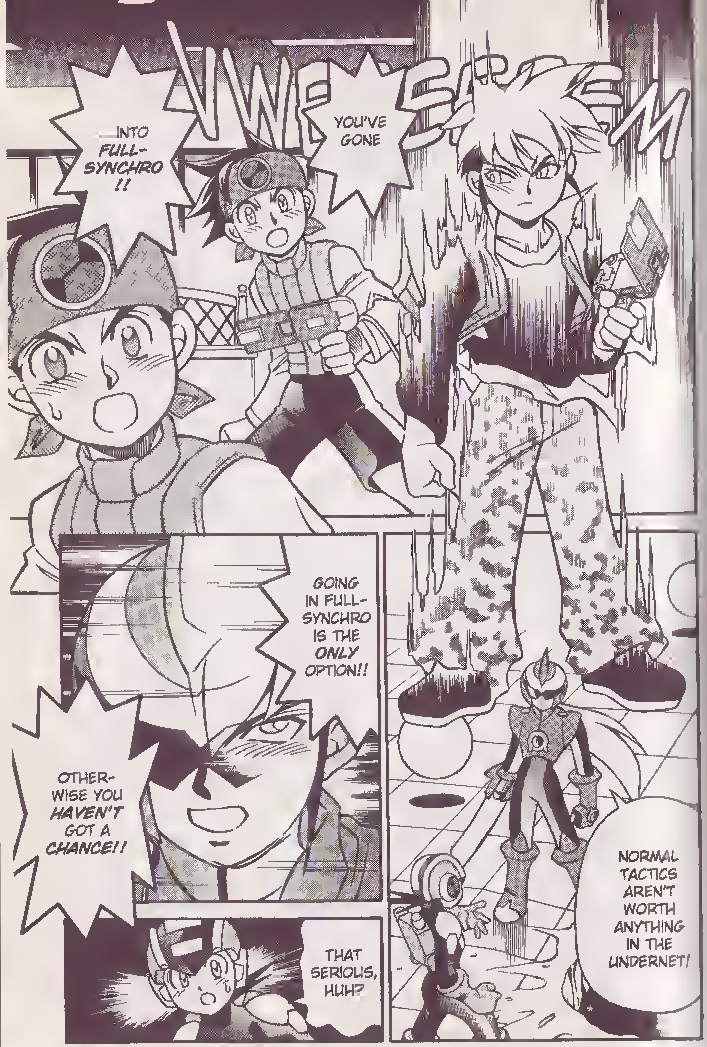
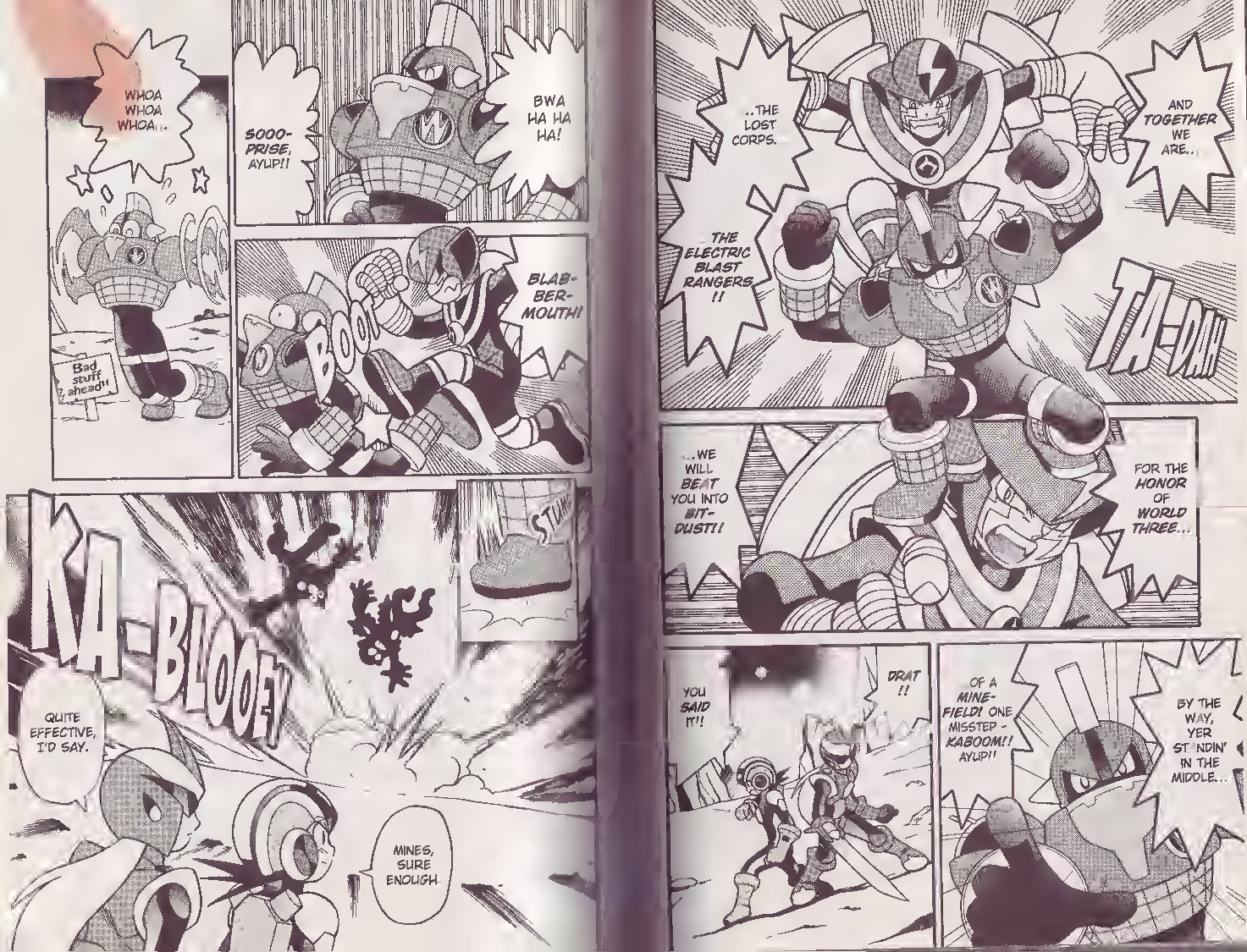

WHERE DO YOU THINK IT GOES?
...!
THERE'S TRACES OF DISTORTED SPACE HERE!


...INTO FULL-SYNCHRO !!
YOU'VE GONE
GOING IN FULL-SYNCHRO IS THE ONLY OPTION!!
OTHER-WISE YOU HAVEN'T GOT A CHANCE!!
THAT SERIOUS, HUH?
NORMAL TACTICS AREN'T WORTH ANYTHING IN THE UNDERNET!

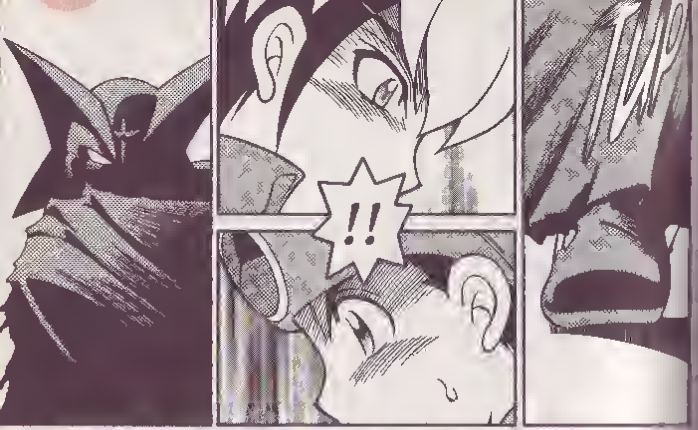
UM... WHAT'S UP?
BUT CHALID, I...
...AND YOU THROW YOUR LIFE AWAY!
GO IN HEED-LESSLY
HUNH ...!!

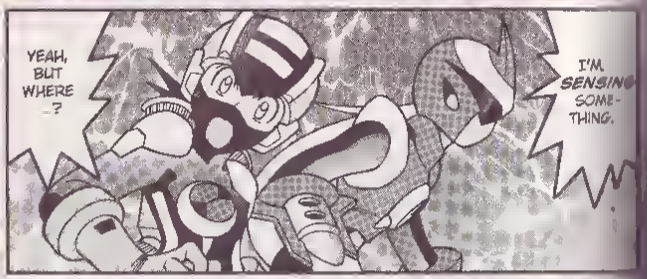
RRRUUMMBLE
AND YOU ARE?!
MEGA MAN PROTO MAN!
WE'VE BEEN WAITING!
BLASTER-MAN!!
RUMM
ELEC-MAN!!
THIS IS IT! INTO THE UNDER-NET!!
LAN..
MEGA-MAN..
LET'S GO!!
FULL-SYNCHRO !!
OUR FIRST STEP TO BECOMING ALL WE CAN BE!!!

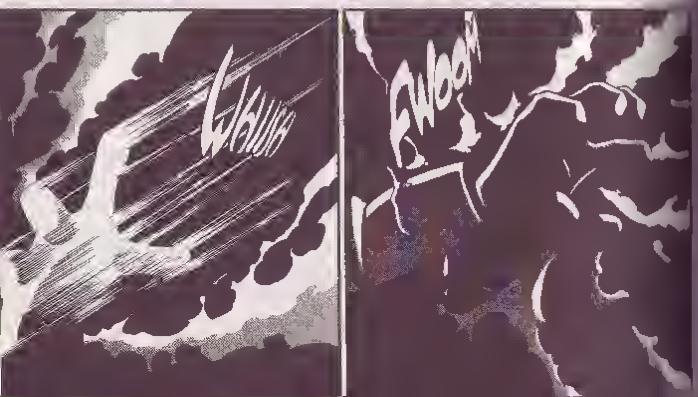

WHOA WHOA WHOA...
Bad stuff ahead!!
SOOO-PRISE, AYUP!!
BWA HA HA HA!
BOOF
BLAB-BER-MOUTH!
KA-BLOOEY
STAMP
QUITE EFFECTIVE, I'D SAY.
MINES, SURE ENOUGH.
..THE LOST CORPS.
THE ELECTRIC BLAST RANGERS!!
AND TOGETHER WE ARE...
TA-DAH
...WE WILL BEAT YOU INTO BIT-DUST!!
FOR THE HONOR OF WORLD THREE...
YOU SAID IT!!
DRAT!!
OF A MINE-FIELD! ONE MISSTEP - KABOOM!! AYUP!!
BY THE WAY, YER ST'NDIN' IN THE MIDDLE...

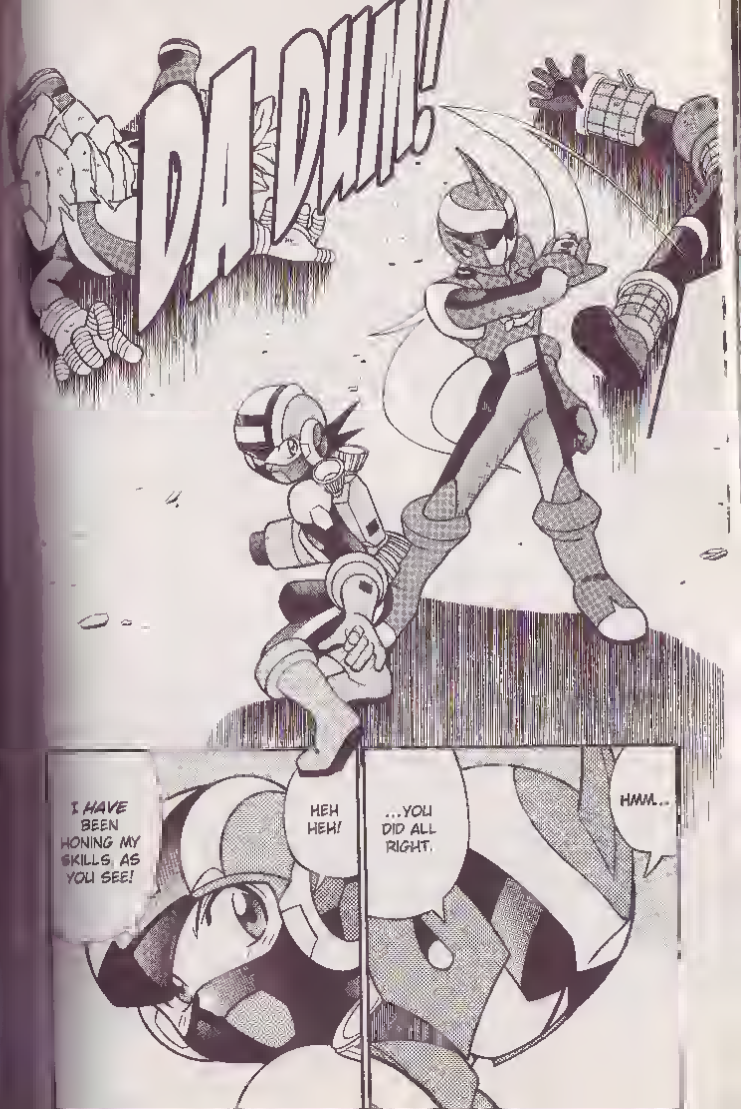
QUITE A COMEDY ACT YOU'VE PUT TOGETHER!
YOU SHOULD HIT THE NIGHTCLUB CIRCUIT!
GRRR...
ZZZZZZ
LIGHTNING STRIKE!!!
YOU'RE DELETED!!!
EITHER AT OUR HANDS...
...OR BY THE MINE!!
THERE! SEE?!
YOUR DESTRUCTION IS ASSURED!
HA HA HA HA HA HA
WHAT?!
HEH..
HEE HEE..
WHAT'RE YOU LAUGHIN' AT?!

BOOM!!
BOOM
SHEE...
...THE BLASTS CAN'T CATCH THEM!!
BOOM
BOOM
MAXIMUM SPEED!!
IGNITE !!
BZZT
BZZT
BZZT
PUNCH
DING-DANG IT
BLASTER-SHOOT!!
ZIMM
AWRIGHT !!
HE'S BOOM BAIT, AYUP!!
KER-BLAM
MEGA-BOOSTER !!!
YOOOOM

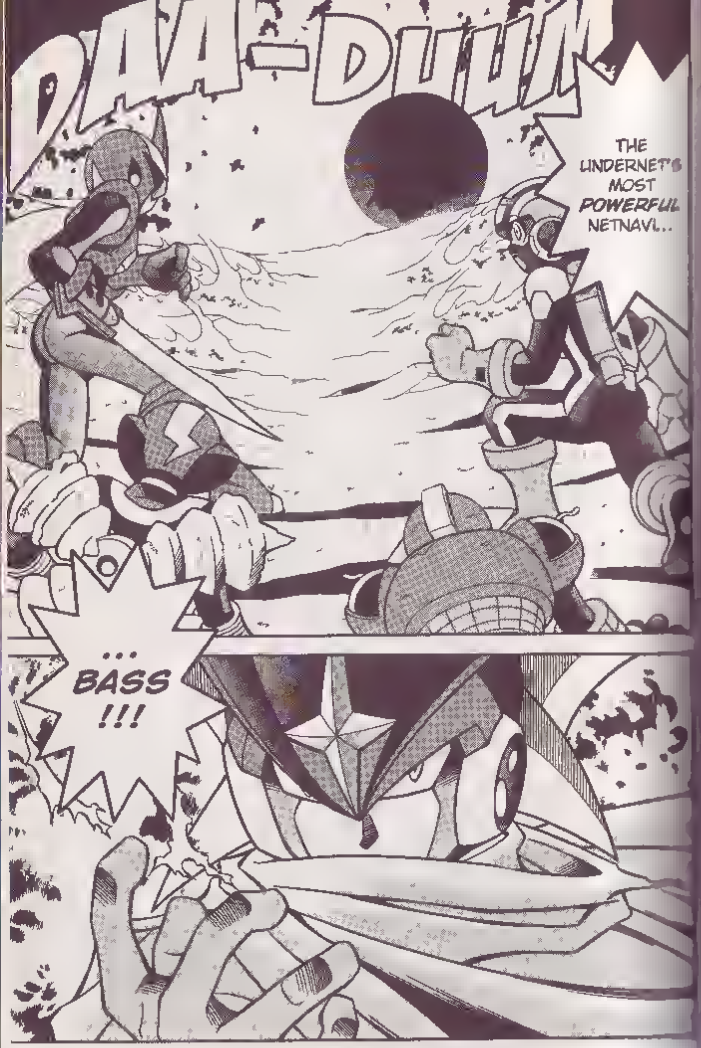

!!
TUP


YEAH, BUT WHERE -?
I'M SENSING SOME-THING.


WHUSH
FWOOM

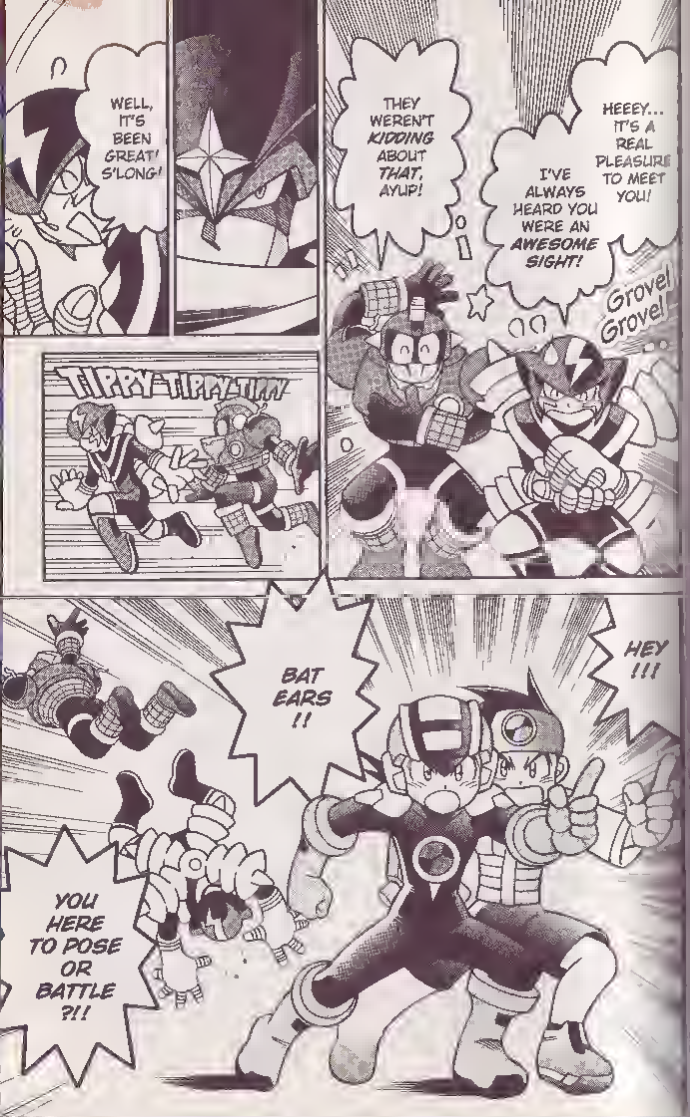

DA-DUM!
I HAVE BEEN HONING MY SKILLS, AS YOU SEE!
HEH HEH!
...YOU DID ALL RIGHT.
HMM...

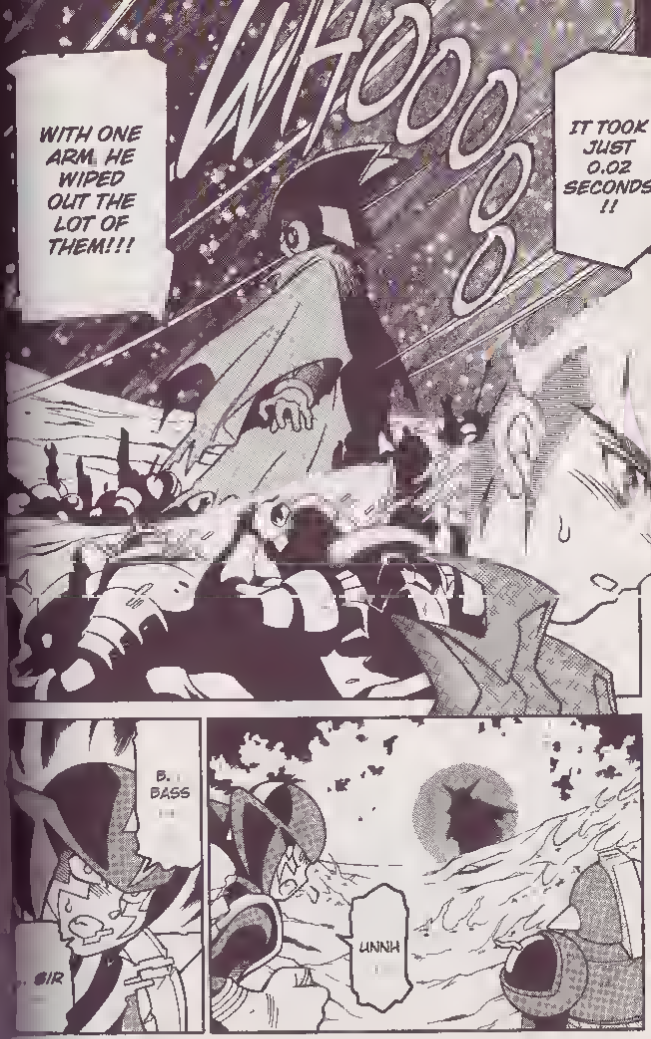
...IT MUST BE...
S... SUCH DESTRUCTIVE POWER ...
CRACKLE CRACKLE
...THE MESSENGER OF DARKNESS...
...THE BLACK SHADOW ...
BASS !!!!
PA-WHOOOM



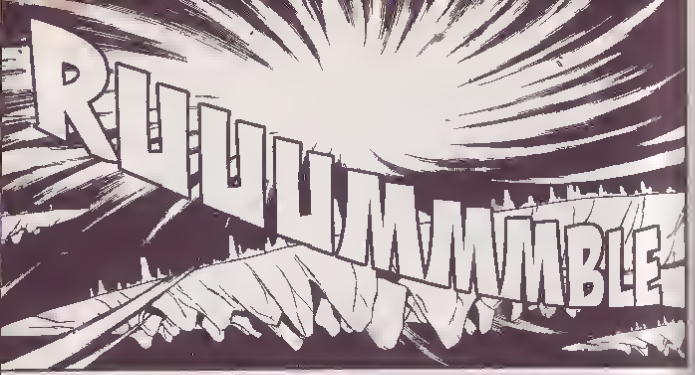
CHAPTER 3:
THE VOW TO THE "STRONGEST"!!

WE, THE RED BANDITS ...
...HEREBY CLAIM THE TITLE OF "STRONGEST" !!!
100 TO 1 ODDS THIS TIME, BASS. YOU DON'T STAND A CHANCE
HEH HEH HEH..
SO ENDS THE LEGEND OF THE BLACK SHADOW!!
DIE!!
...AND IT WOULDN'T MAKE A SPIT BIT OF DIFFERENCE!!
WE COULD THROW EVERYTHING WE HAVE AT HIM.
I'VE HEARD TELL THAT...
...
N...NO ONE'S EVER FOUGHT HIM AND LIVED!!
ON ONE OCCASION A BAND OF UNDERNET OUTLAWS ONCE HAD HIM SURROUNDED


WELL, IT'S BEEN GREAT! S'LONG!
THEY WEREN'T KIDDING ABOUT THAT, AYUP!
I'VE ALWAYS HEARD YOU WERE AN AWESOME SIGHT!
HEEEY... IT'S A REAL PLEASURE TO MEET YOU!
Grovel Grovel
TIPPY-TIPPA-TIPPA-TIPPY
BAT EARS !!
HEY !!!
YOU HERE TO POSE OR BATTLE ?!!

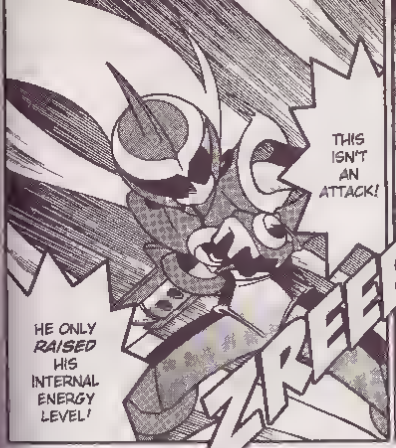

WHOOOO
WITH ONE ARM, HE WIPED OUT THE LOT OF THEM!!!
IT TOOK JUST 0.02 SECONDS !!
B. BASS
..SIR
HNNH

WHAT'RE YOU DOING?!
NO NO NOO-OO!
NO WAY WE'RE MISSING THIS CHANCE!!
HE'S THE BIGGEST, BADDEST NETNAVI OF ALL!
YOU'RE NOT READY FOR BASS!!
PROTO-MAN?
DON'T BE FOOLS!
I'M GONNA FIGHT HIM!!
WHADDAYA MEAN?!
HEY! LEGGO!!
...
!!
YAAA-RRGH!!

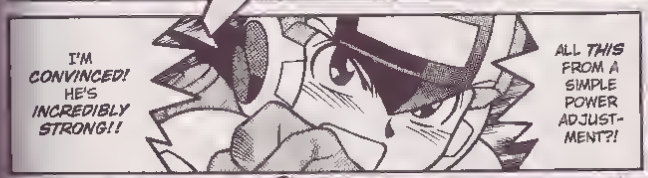

RUUUMMMBLE

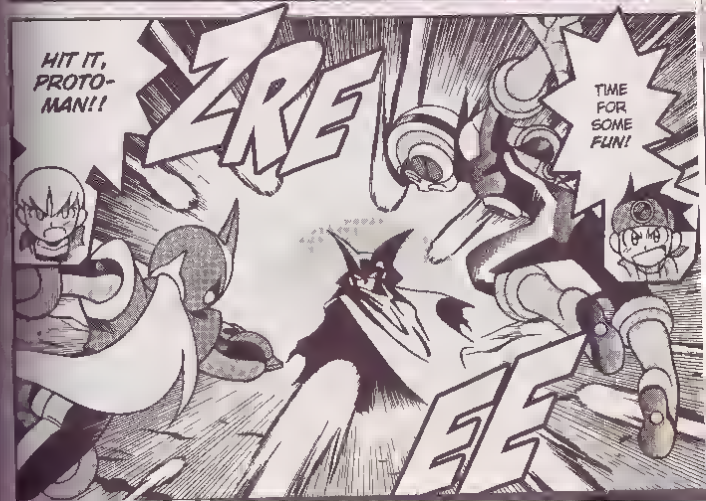
...FROM BASS, NO DOUBT!
HUH! A LARGE ENERGY SURGE

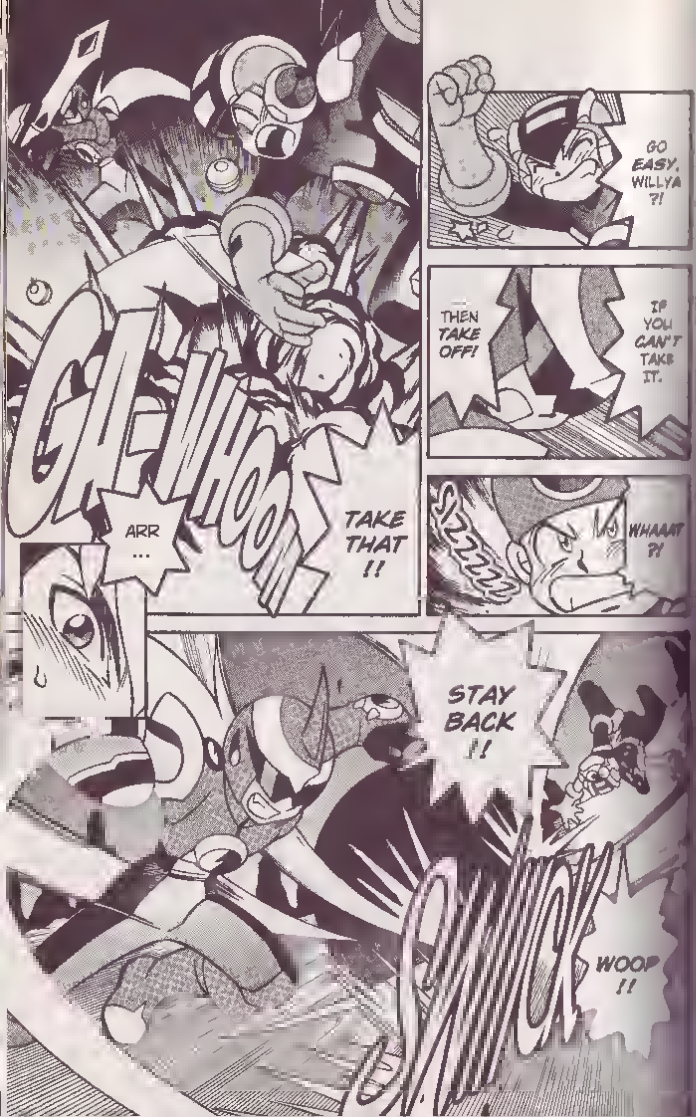
WONDER WHO THEY ARE?
LOOKS LIKE HE'S DRAWN...
...SOME SERIOUS CHAL-LENGERS AT LAST!

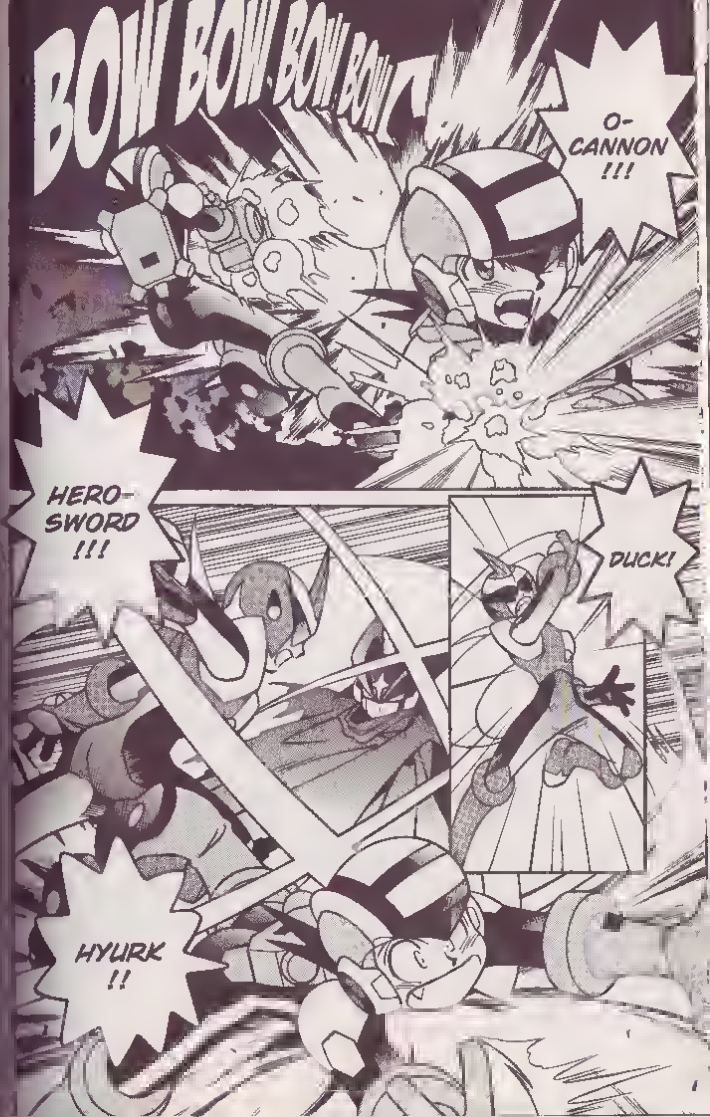

THIS ISN'T AN ATTACK!
HE ONLY RAISED HIS INTERNAL ENERGY LEVEL!
ZREEEEEE

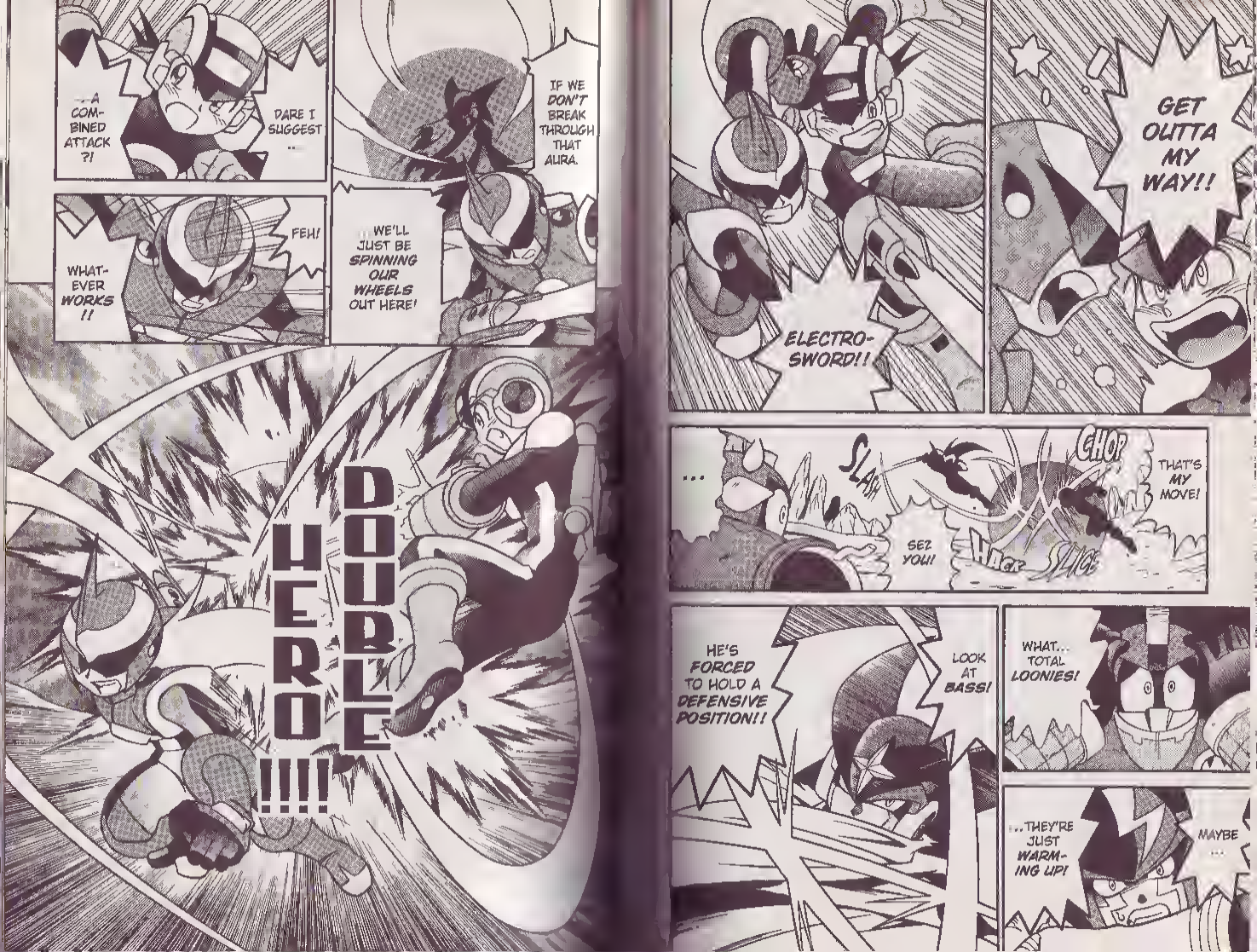
OUR "GROVEL AND SIDLE OFF" STRATEGY'S SUNK!
WE'RE IN FOR IT NOW, AYUP!!

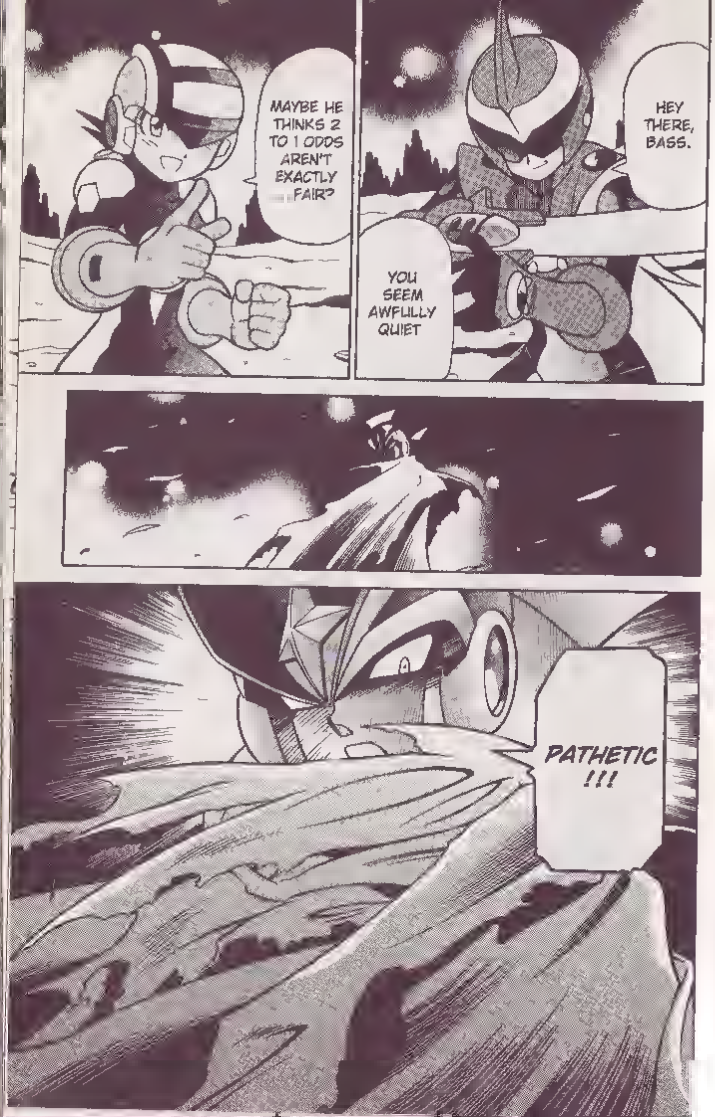

I'M CONVINCED! HE'S INCREDIBLY STRONG!!
ALL THIS FROM A SIMPLE POWER ADJUST-MENT?!

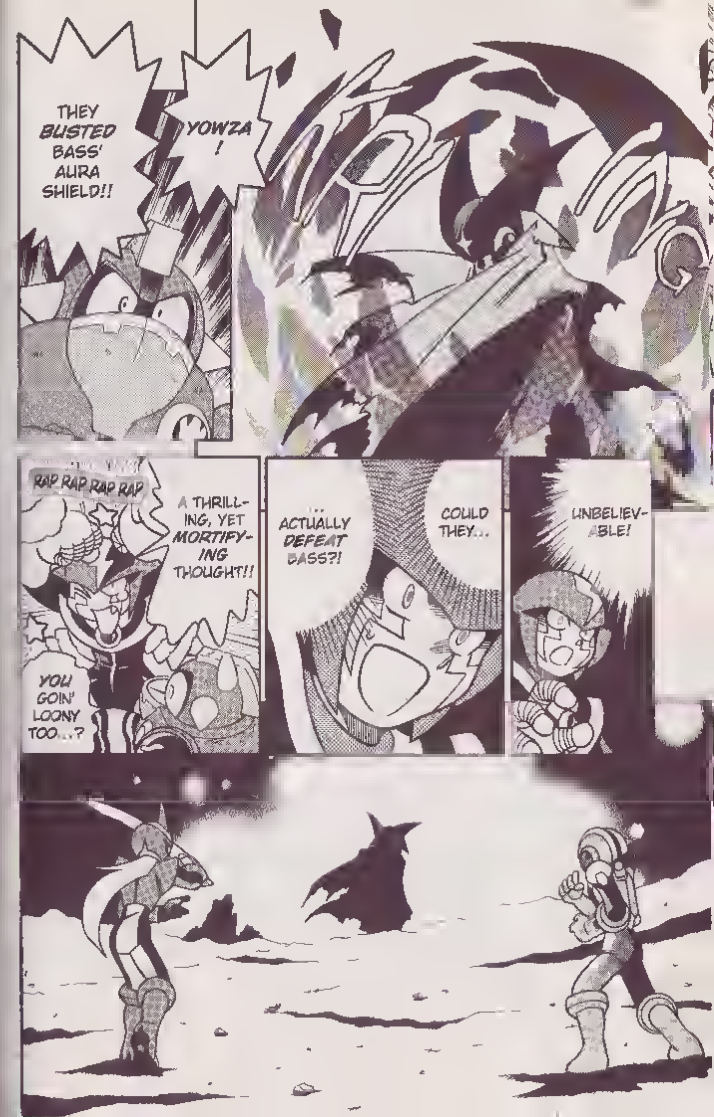

HIT IT, PROTO-MAN!!
ZRE
EE
TIME FOR SOME FUN!

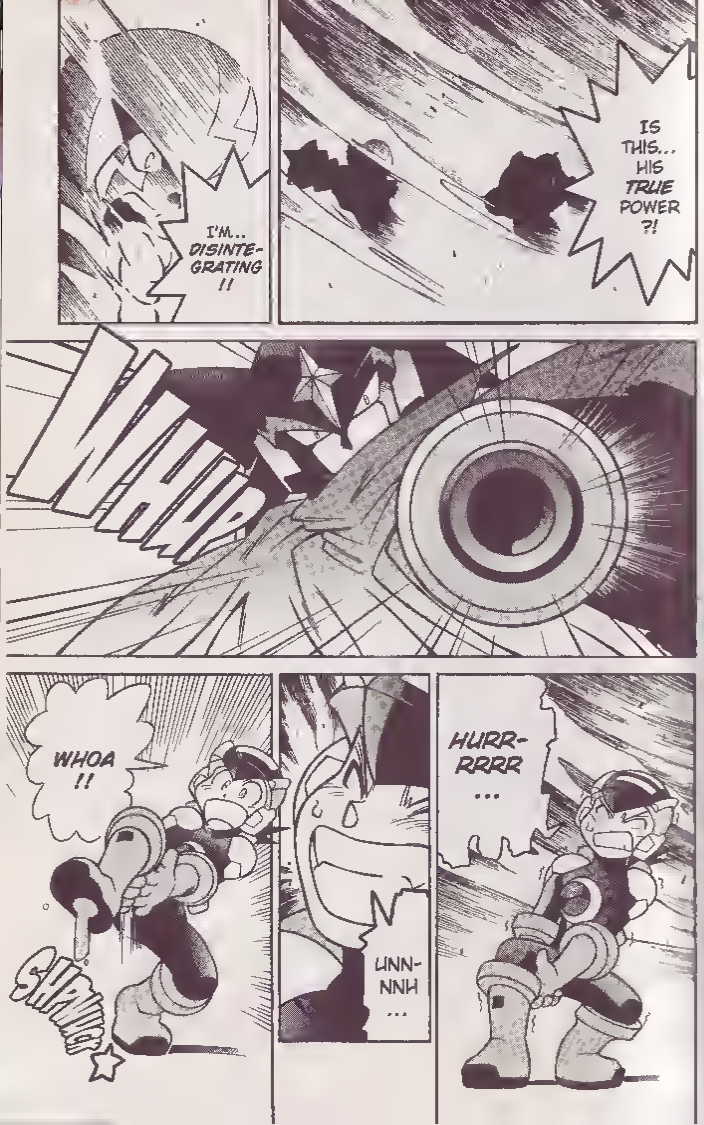

GO EASY, WILLYA ?!
THEN TAKE OFF!
IF YOU CAN'T TAKE IT.
SIZZZ
WHAAAT ?!
GA-WHOOM
ARR ...
TAKE THAT !!
STAY BACK !!
SMACK
WOOP !!

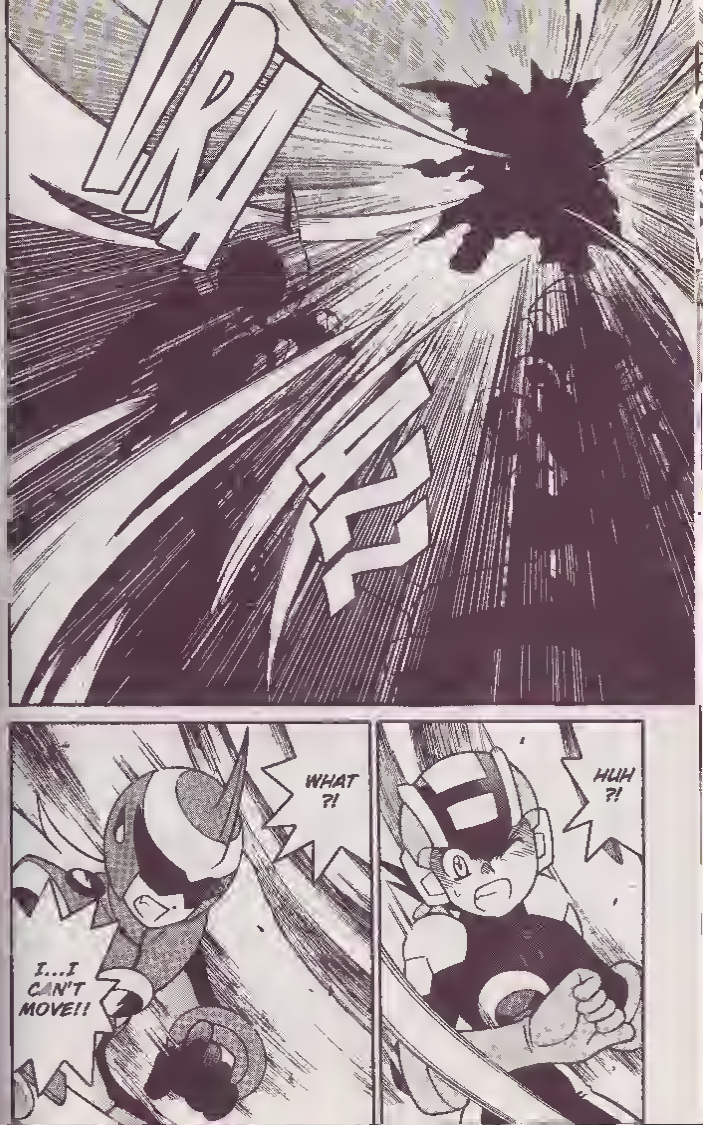

BOW BOW BOW BOW
O-CANNON !!!
HERO-SWORD !!!
DUCK!
HYURK !!

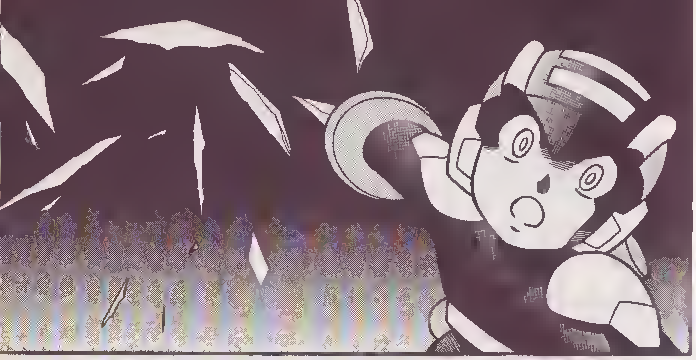

...A COMBINED ATTACK?!
DARE I SUGGEST...
IF WE DON'T BREAK THROUGH THAT AURA.
WE'LL JUST BE SPINNING OUR WHEELS OUT HERE!
FEH!
WHATEVER WORKS!!
DOUBLE HERO !!!!
ELECTRO-SWORD!!
GET OUTTA MY WAY!!
...
SLASH
SEZ YOU!
CHOP
SLICE
THAT'S MY MOVE!
HE'S FORCED TO HOLD A DEFENSIVE POSITION!!
LOOK AT BASS!
WHAT... TOTAL LOONIES!
...THEY'RE JUST WARMING UP!
MAYBE...

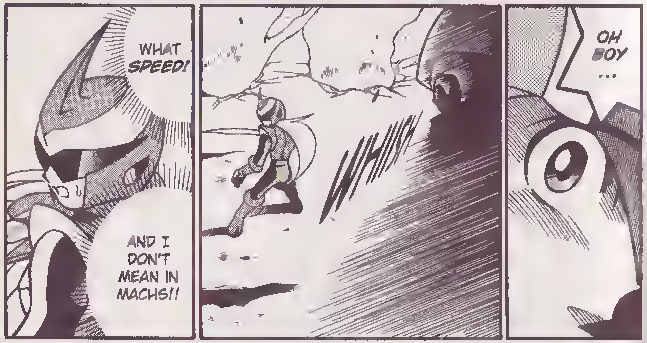

MAYBE HE THINKS 2 TO 1 ODDS AREN'T EXACTLY FAIR?
HEY THERE, BASS.
YOU SEEM AWFULLY QUIET
PATHETIC !!!

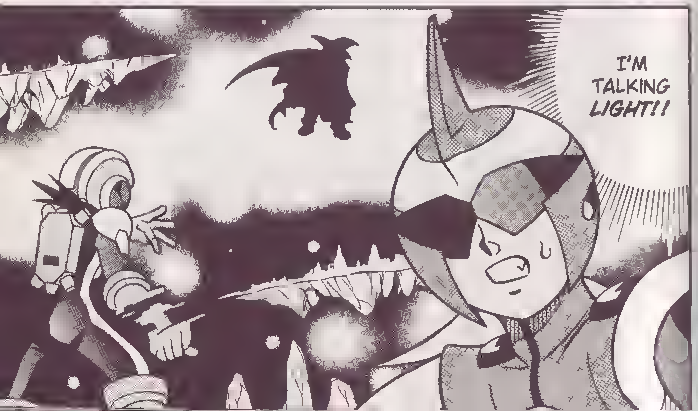

THEY BUSTED BASS' AURA SHIELD!!
YOWZA !
RAP RAP RAP RAP
A THRILLING, YET MORTIFYING THOUGHT!!
YOU GOIN' LOONY TOO...?
... ACTUALLY DEFEAT BASS?!
COULD THEY...
UNBELIEVABLE!

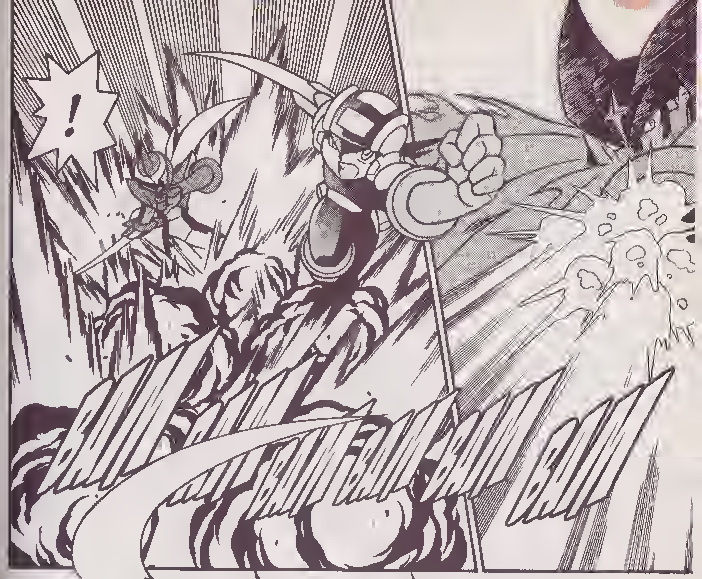

I'M... DISINTE-GRATING !!
IS THIS... HIS TRUE POWER ?!
WHIP
WHOA !!
SHAKING
UNN-NNH ...
HURR-RRRR ...


IRA
I...I CAN'T MOVE!!
WHAT ?!
HUH ?!




WHAT SPEED!
AND I DON'T MEAN IN MACH5!!
WHING
OH BOY ...


I'M TALKING LIGHT!!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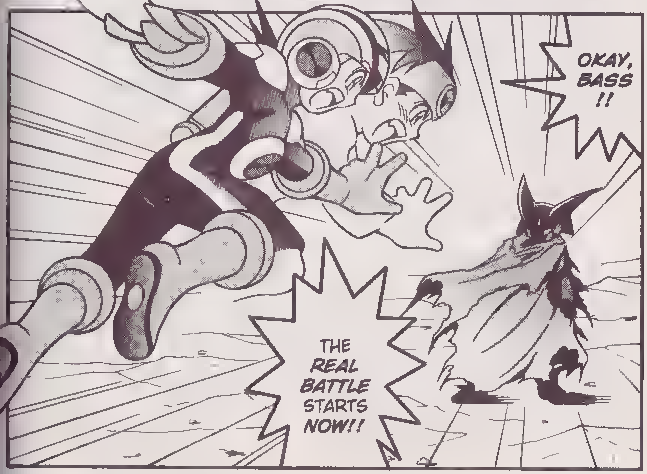
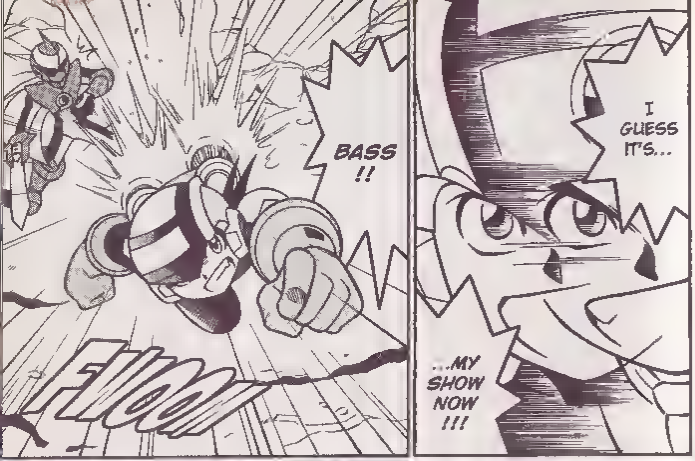
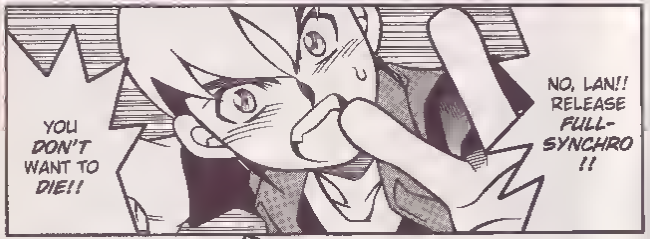
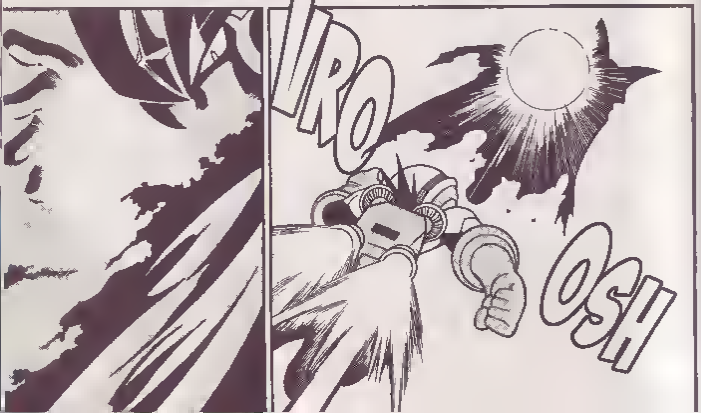

OKAY, BASS !!
THE REAL BATTLE STARTS NOW!!


BASS !!
I GUESS IT'S...
...MY SHOW NOW !!!


YOU DON'T WANT TO DIE!!
NO, LAN!! RELEASE FULL-SYNCHRO !!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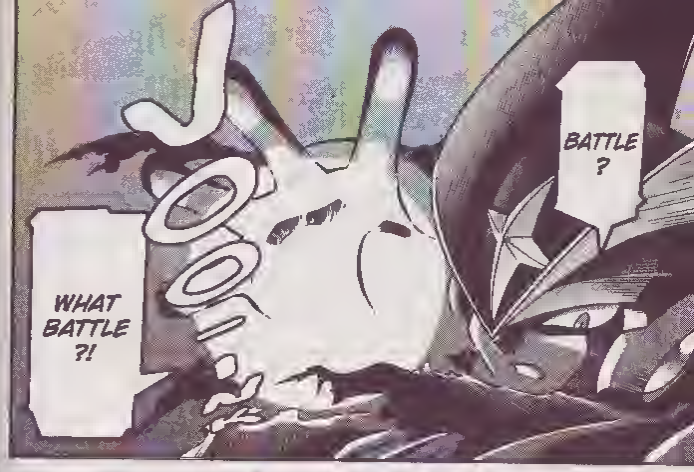
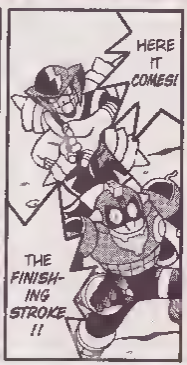
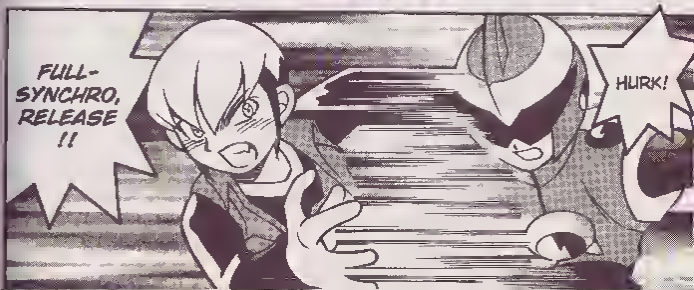
OSH


WHAT BATTLE ?!
BATTLE ?

CHAUD, SIR.. RETREAT!

THIS IS FAR MORE ...
...THAN I CAN HANDLE!!

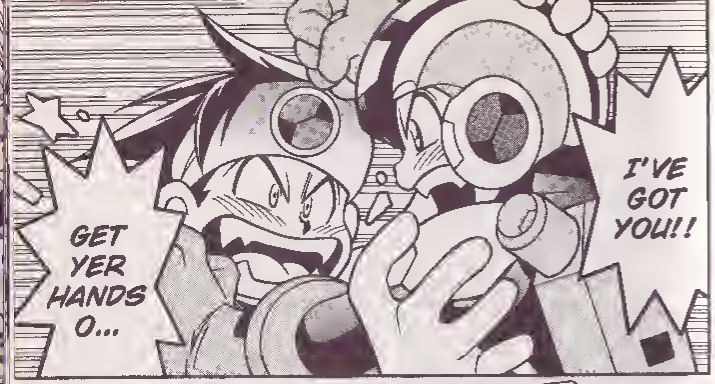

HERE IT COMES!
THE FINISH-ING STROKE !!

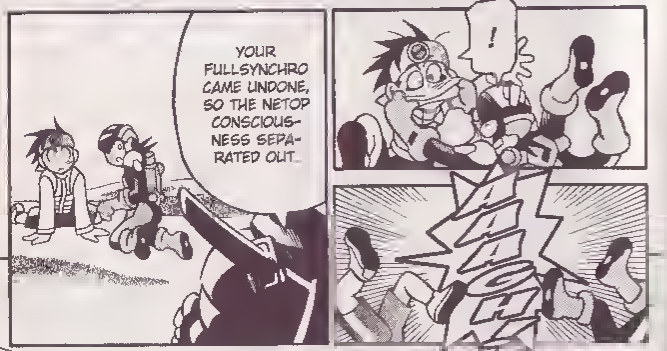

FULL-SYNCHRO, RELEASE !!
HUIRK!

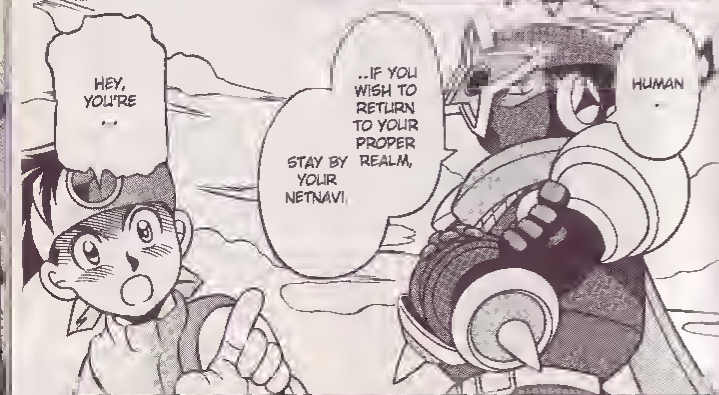
I'M COMING AT YOU ...
...!
BLEDOOM

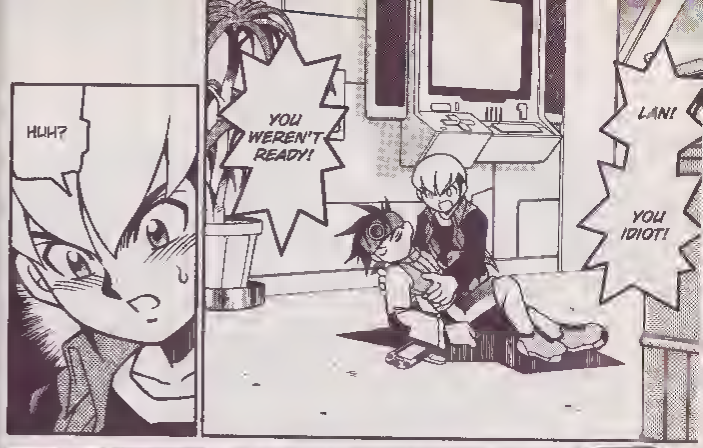
VRAZZ
THIS IS THE BIG FINISH !!!
AWRIGHT, BASS!!

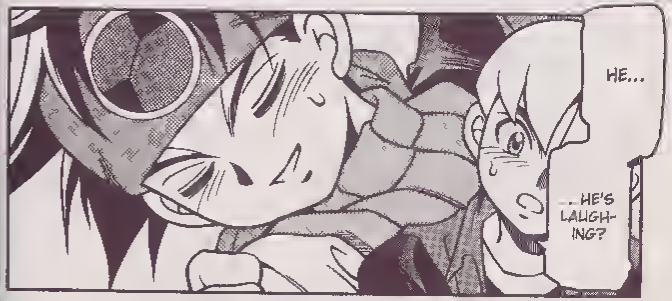
LOOKS LIKE...
...I BLEW IT EVERY WAY POSSIBLE.
STILL...I NOW KNOW NETNAVIS CAN GROW QUITE POWERFUL!!
...AND ONE DAY... ...SO WILL I!
JUST WAIT!!
SNATCH

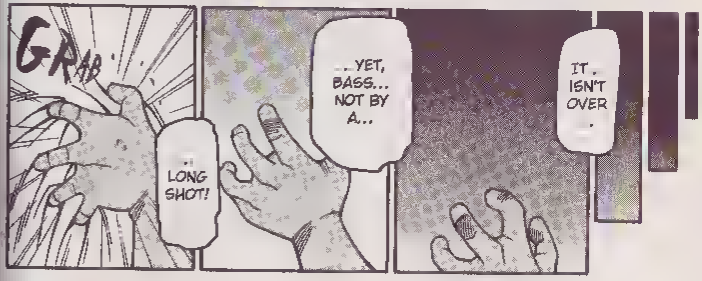

GET YER HANDS O...
I'VE GOT YOU!!


YOUR FULLSYNCHRO CAME UNDONE, SO THE NETOP CONSCIOUSNESS SEPARATED OUT...
!
AAAHH!

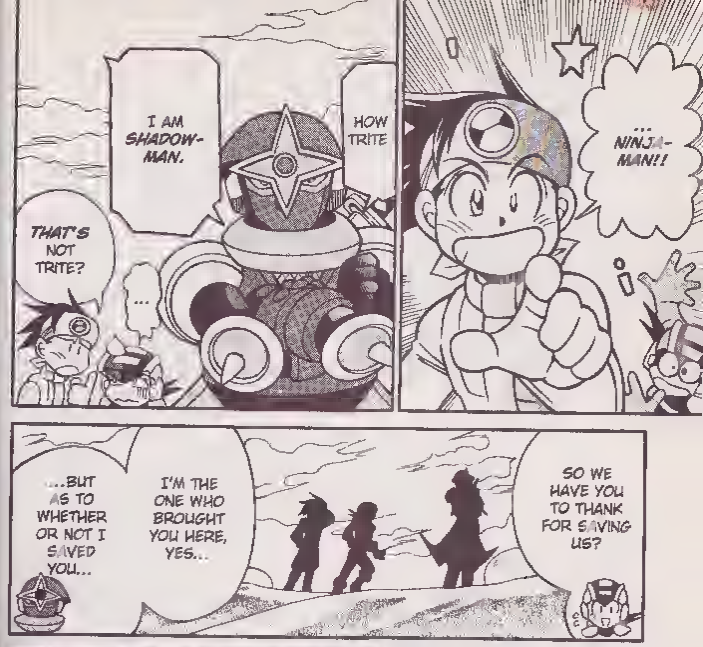

HEY, YOU'RE...
..IF YOU WISH TO RETURN TO YOUR PROPER REALM, STAY BY YOUR NETNAVI.
HUMAN.

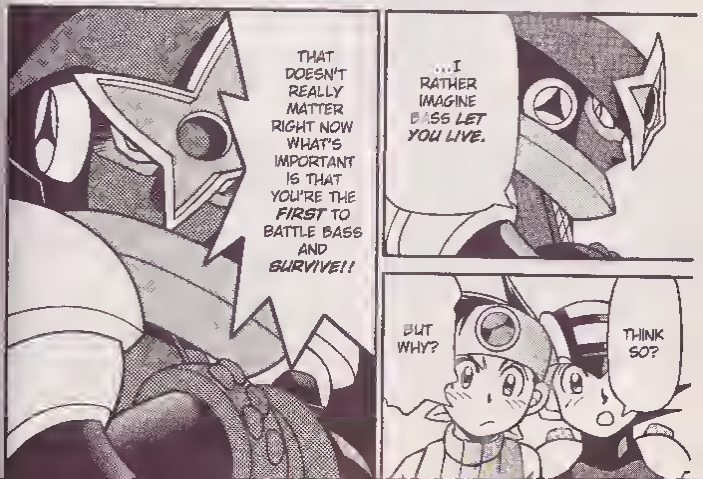

HUH?
YOU WEREN'T READY!
LAN!
YOU IDIOT!

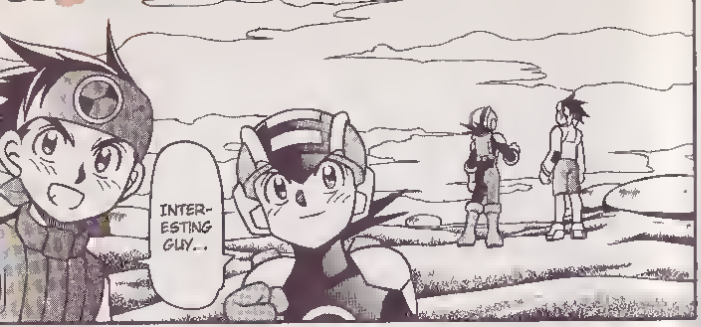

HE...
...HE'S LAUGHING?

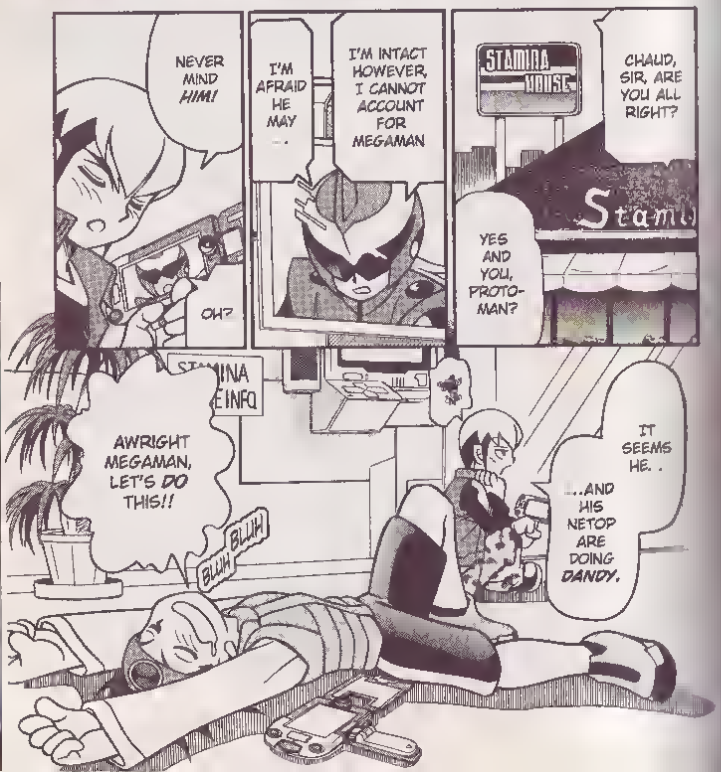

GRAB
..LONG SHOT!
..YET, BASS... NOT BY A...
IT, ISN'T OVER.

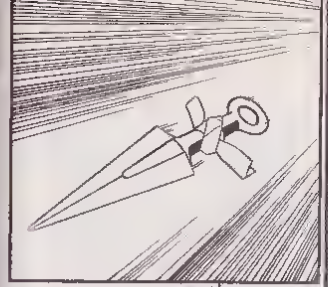
HEH HEH... SO STAY ON YOUR TOES.
THAT MEANS YOU'LL BE TARGETED BY UNDERNET WARRIORS WANTING TO BOOST THEIR STATUS!
WELL, MEGA-MAN...
WELL, LAN...
WE'LL TAKE 'EM ON, EVERY ONE ...
THAT'S A-OK WITH US!!
...!
...AND GET STRONGER AND STRONGER !!

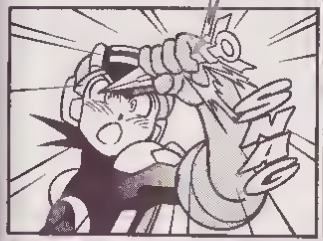

I AM SHADOW-MAN.
HOW TRITE
THAT'S NOT TRITE?
...
... NINJA-MAN!!
...BUT AS TO WHETHER OR NOT I SAVED YOU...
I'M THE ONE WHO BROUGHT YOU HERE, YES...
SO WE HAVE YOU TO THANK FOR SAVING US?


THAT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER RIGHT NOW WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS THAT YOU'RE THE FIRST TO BATTLE BASS AND SURVIVE!!
...I RATHER IMAGINE BASS LET YOU LIVE.
BUT WHY?
THINK SO?

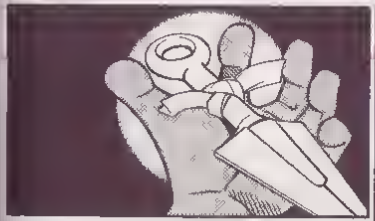

INTER-
ESTING
GUY...

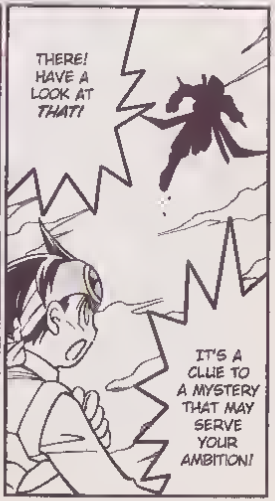

NEVER
MIND
HIM!
OH?
I'M
AFRAID
HE
MAY
...
I'M INTACT
HOWEVER,
I CANNOT
ACCOUNT
FOR
MEGAMAN
STAMINA
HOUSE
CHAUD,
SIR, ARE
YOU ALL
RIGHT?
YES
AND
YOU,
PROTO-
MAN?
AWRIGHT
MEGAMAN,
LET'S DO
THIS!!
BLUH
BLUH
IT
SEEMS
HE..
...AND
HIS
NETOP
ARE
DOING
DANDY.

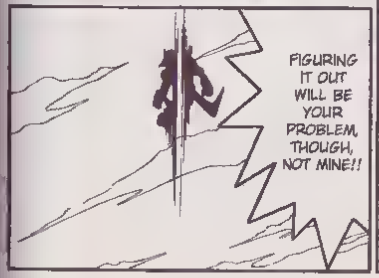


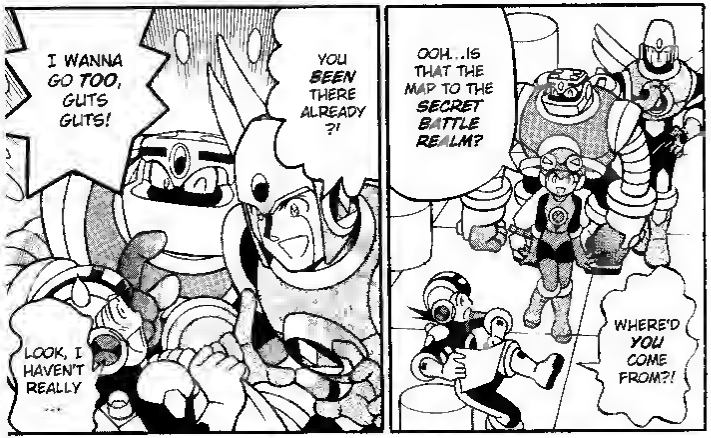


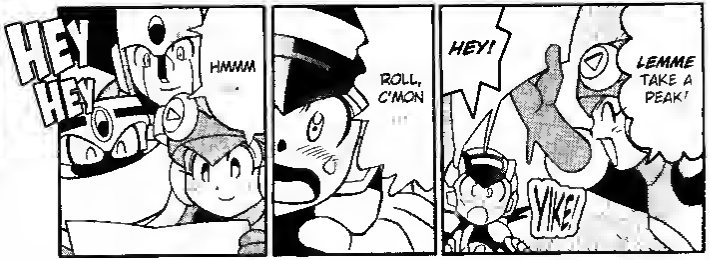
YOU
TWO ARE
UNBELIEV-
ABLE!!




THERE!
HAVE A
LOOK AT
THAT!
IT'S A
CLUE TO
A MYSTERY
THAT MAY
SERVE
YOUR
AMBITION!


FIGURING
IT OUT
WILL BE
YOUR
PROBLEM,
THOUGH,
NOT MINE!!

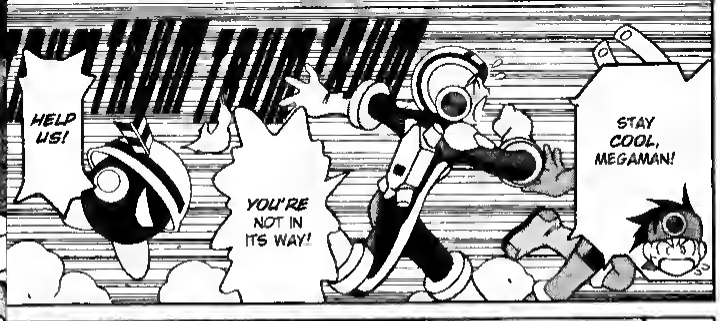

I WANNA GO TOO, GUTS GUTS!
YOU BEEN THERE ALREADY ?!
OOH...IS THAT THE MAP TO THE SECRET BATTLE REALM?
LOOK, I HAVEN'T REALLY ...
WHERE'D YOU COME FROM?!

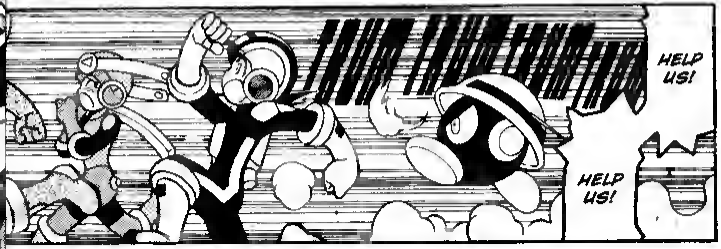


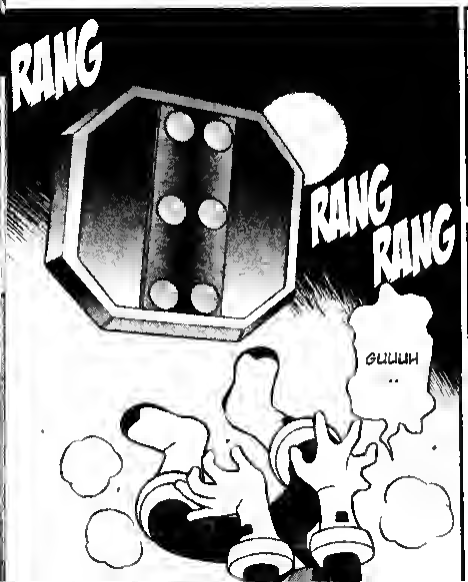
CHAPTER 4: TO THE FARTHEST REACHES OF THE CYBERNET!!

PA-BAM
YAAH !!
?
?
PUM PUM PUM
HEY!
PSSSSSSH
WHAT'S... KOFF! ...GOING ON?
IT'S A METTAUR !!
MET !!

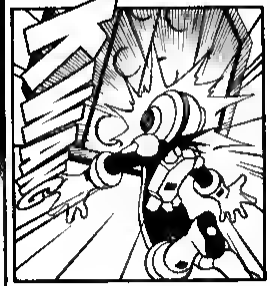
WE CAN'T TELL NUTHIN' FROM THAT LOUSY ART!!
I DIDN'T DRAW IT!!
ShadowMan Map
Here
Mountains
Mountains
River
!
KA-KLANG
KA-KLANG
KA-KLANG
KA-KLANG
THAT SOUND
SHADOWMAN HAD A GOOD LAUGH ON US!
PUM
SOME NETNAVIS DO LIKE THEIR LITTLE JOKES...


HELP US!
YOU'RE NOT IN IT'S WAY!
STAY COOL, MEGAMAN!


HELP US!
HELP US!


RANG
RANG
RANG
GUUUH..

..DID HE SAY "HELP US"?
UH..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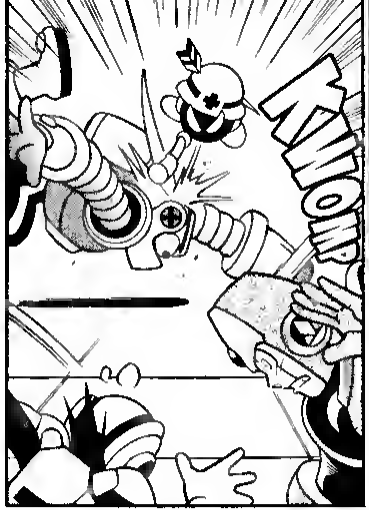
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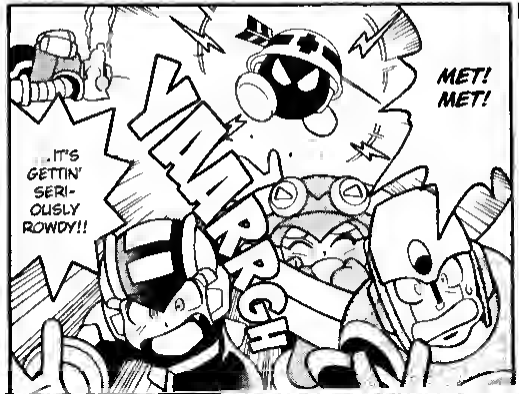
A SMALL FRY VIRUS!
NO PROBLEM, GUTS GUTS!

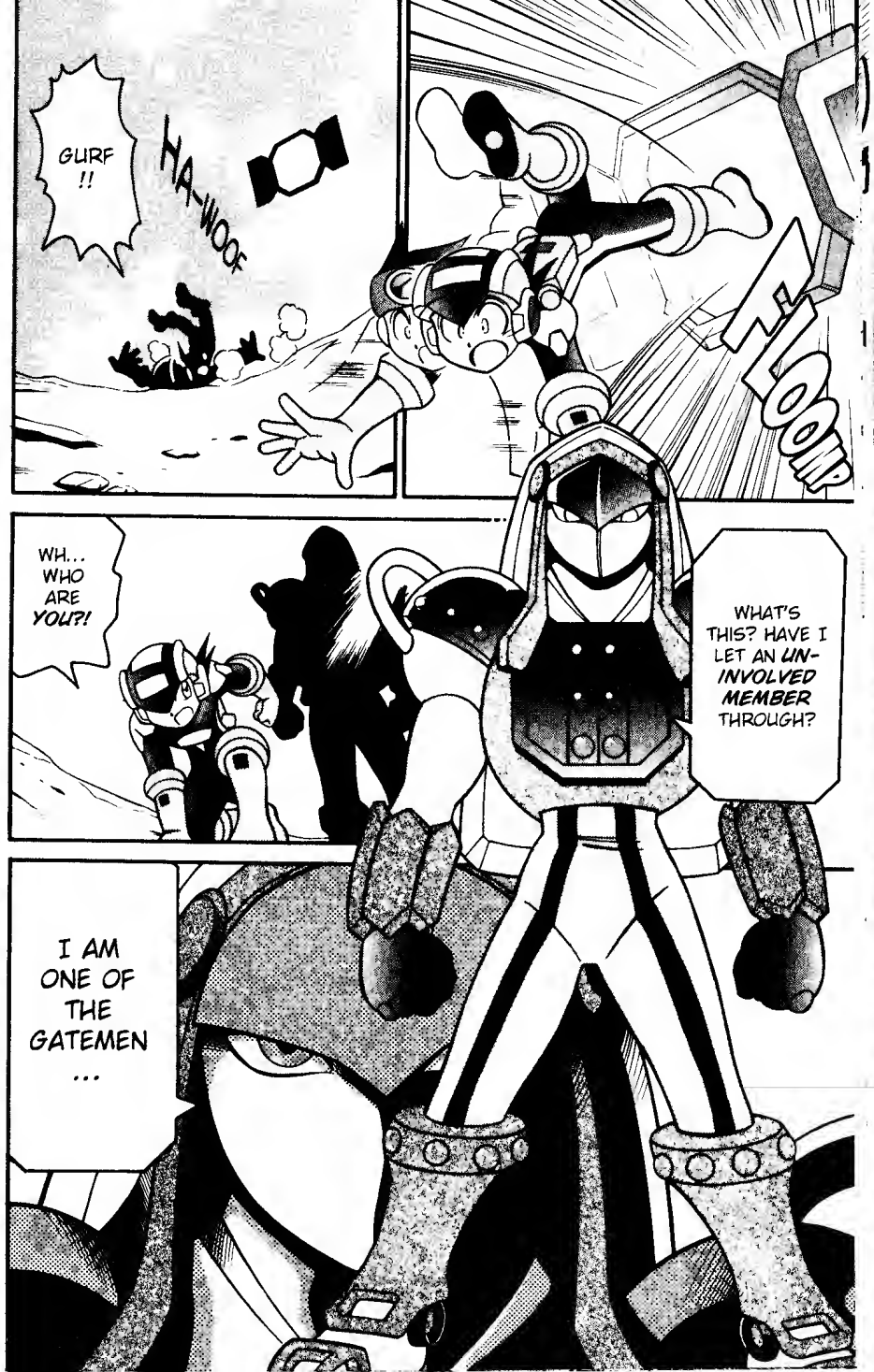
MET!!
GLARE


..IT'S GETTIN' SERI-OUSLY ROWDY!!
YEERRGH
MET! MET!

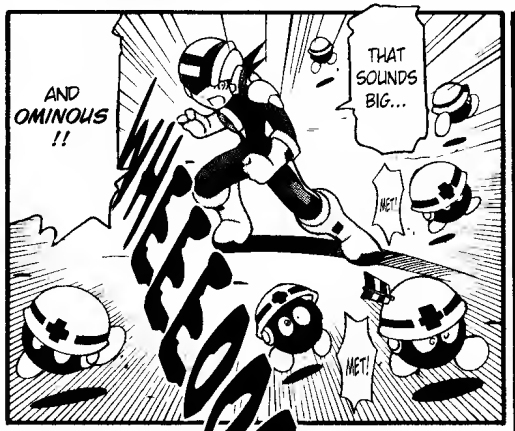
IT MAY JUST BE A METTAUR, BUT...

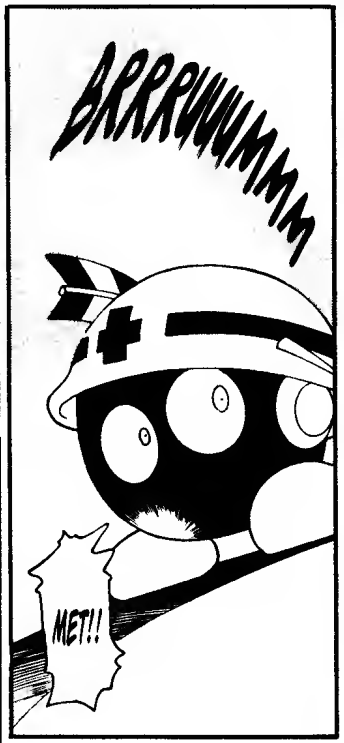
MEGA-MAN !!!
MET!
THAT'S THING'S SUCKING ME IN!!
SUUUCCK
GRA-AAH!
FULL-SYNCHRO !!!
HURK ...!
WAH-HAAAH !!!
MET!!
MET!!
MET!!
MET!!
RUUMMMBLE
MET!!
COME, IT'S TIME TO GO HOME...
CREEEK
HELP US!
HELP US!
NOT A CLUE!!
GLIDE! ANY IDEA WHAT'S GOING ON?!
...MAKE CONTACT WITH THE CYBER WORLD... HOWEVER BRIEF!!
A DENIZEN OF THE UNDER-NET SHOULD NOT...
SUUUCCK

IT IS EACH GATEMAN'S MISSION TO ADMINISTRATE A "GATE" OF THE CYBER WORLD!
INDIVIDUAL GATEMEN DO NOT HAVE NAMES.
AND WHAT ARE GATEMEN?!
ONES SUCH AS MYSELF.
YOU GOT A NAME?!
CREEEEAAKKK
WHAT HAPPENS NOW?!
HE'S OPENING HIS!!
ZWOOOOSH
For accidentally sucking you in... MY APOLOGIES!
...
UM... ACCEPTED. I'M MEGAMAN.
WHERE IS THIS?
LOOK AROUND.
WHOA!!

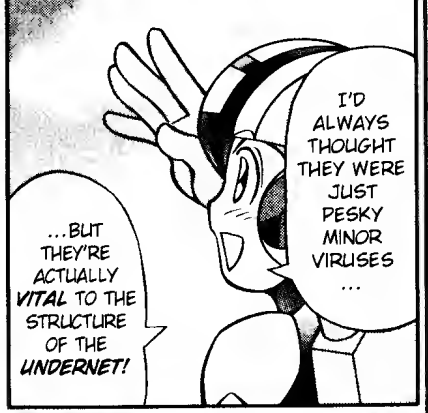

GURF!!
HA-WOOF
FLOOP
WH... WHO ARE YOU?!
WHAT'S THIS? HAVE I LET AN UNINVOLVED MEMBER THROUGH?
I AM ONE OF THE GATEMEN ...

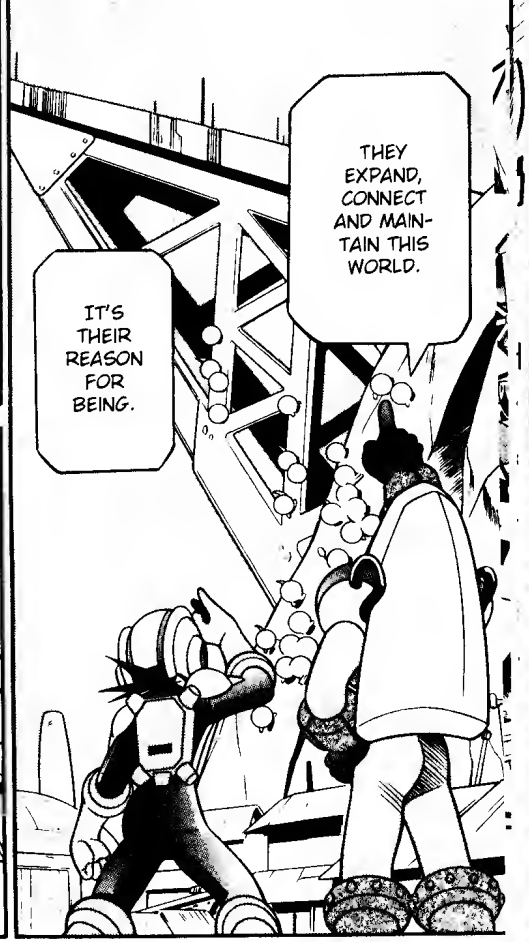
MET
MET
MET
AAH! NOT SO LOUD... OR FAST!!
I CAN'T MAKE OUT WHAT YOU'RE ...
HELP US!
HELP US!
WITH THE CONSTRUCTION HERE, OR..
HELP YOU? HOW?


AND OMINOUS !!
WHEEEOOO
THAT SOUNDS BIG...
MET!
MET!

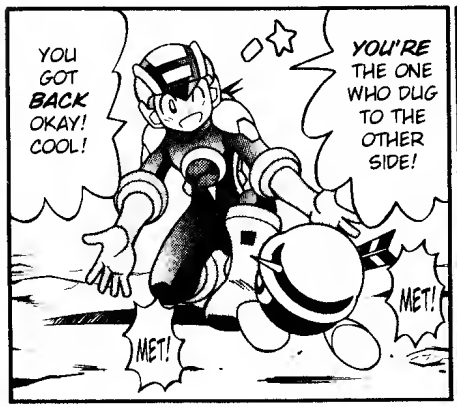

BRRRUUMMM
MET!!

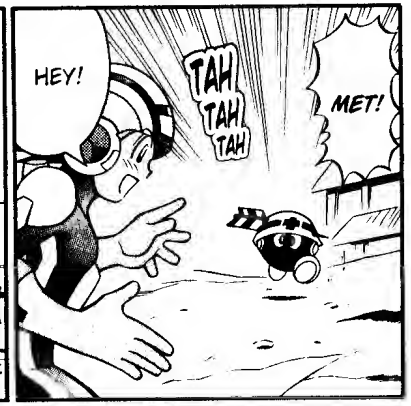
YIPES !!
ANOTHER ATTACK. NOT THE FIRST TODAY.

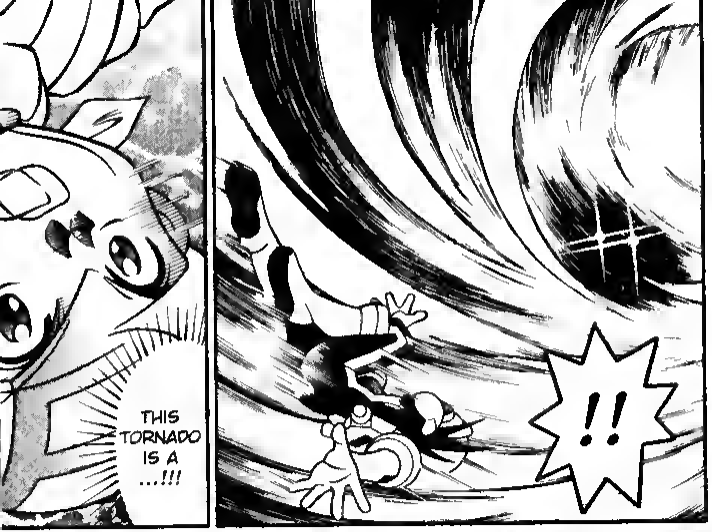

I'D ALWAYS THOUGHT THEY WERE JUST PESKY MINOR VIRUSES ...
...BUT THEY'RE ACTUALLY VITAL TO THE STRUCTURE OF THE UNDERNET!


THEY EXPAND, CONNECT AND MAINTAIN THIS WORLD.
IT'S THEIR REASON FOR BEING.

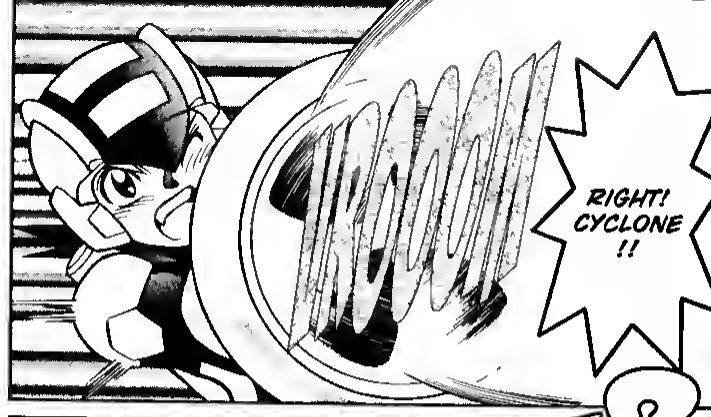
AND THEY REALLY COOPERATE WITH EACH OTHER!
SEEN THIS WAY, IN THEIR REALM, THEY'RE KINDA CUTE.

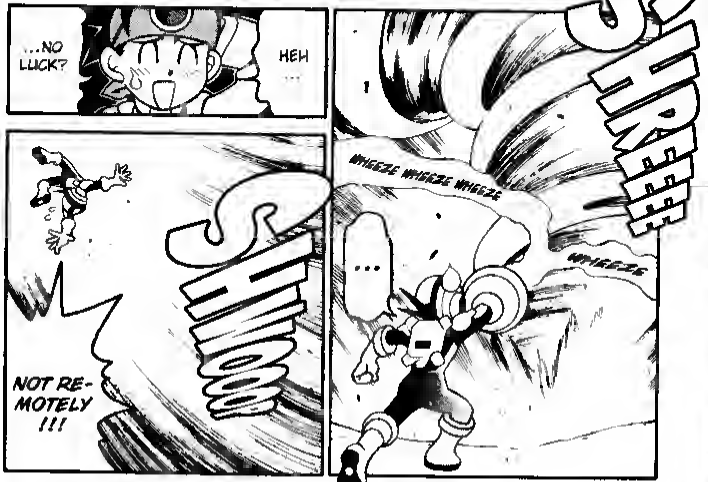

YOU GOT BACK OKAY! COOL!
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO DUG TO THE OTHER SIDE!
MET!
MET!


HEY!
TAH TAH TAH
MET!

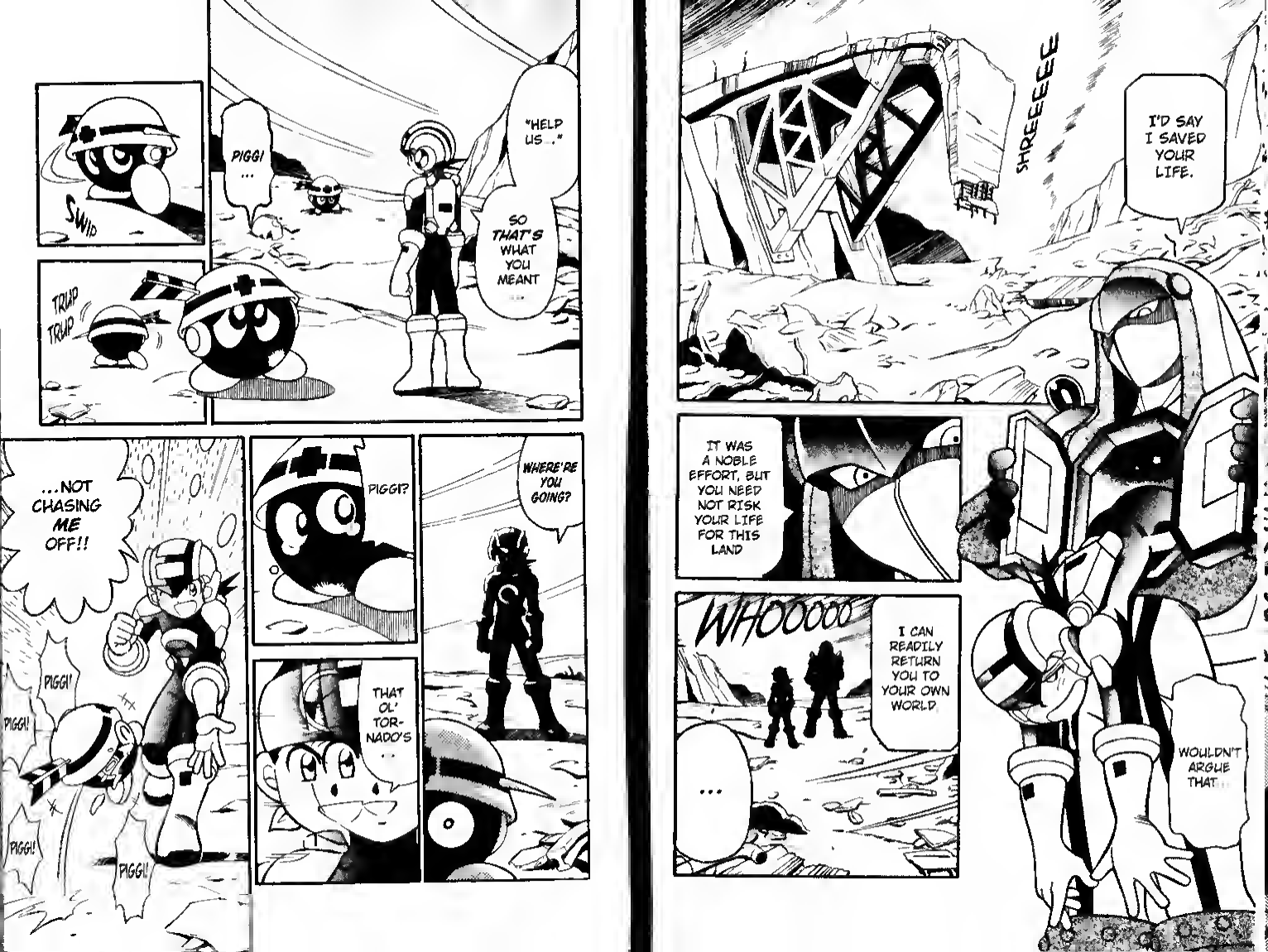

THIS TORNADO IS A ...!!!
!!

DIVE INTO THIS REMOTE-GATE!
GATE-MAN?!
MEGA-MAN!
WHOOP
WHATEVER YOU SAY!


RIGHT! CYCLONE !!
KRAKOOM!!

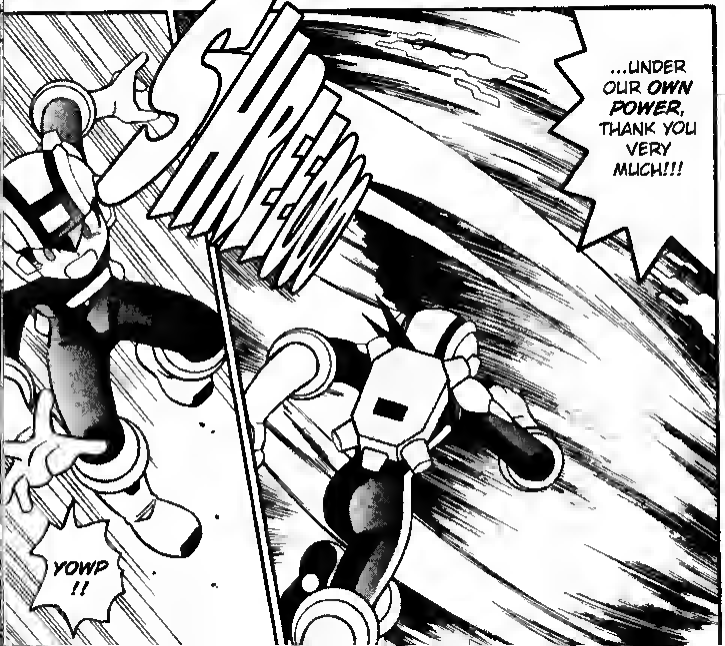

...NO LUCK?
HEH ...
SHREEE
WHIEEEE WHIEEEE WHIEEE
...
WHIEEEE
SHIOOO
NOT RE-MOTELY !!!

THIS WIND'S... GONNA TEAR ME APART!
ARGH!

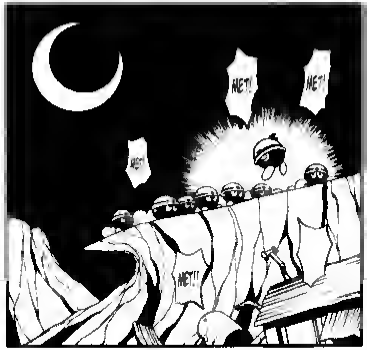

SWIP
PIGGI ...
"HELP US..."
SO THAT'S WHAT YOU MEANT ...
TRIP TRIP
...NOT CHASING ME OFF!!
PIGGI!
PIGGI!
PIGGI!
PIGGI!
PIGGI?
THAT OL' TOR-NADO'S ...
WHERE'RE YOU GOING?
SHREEEEE
I'D SAY I SAVED YOUR LIFE.
IT WAS A NOBLE EFFORT, BUT YOU NEED NOT RISK YOUR LIFE FOR THIS LAND
WHOOOOO
I CAN READILY RETURN YOU TO YOUR OWN WORLD
...
WOULDN'T ARGUE THAT...

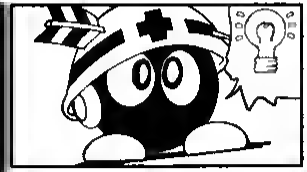
JERK!!
MEANIE!!
STUB-BORN OLD COOT!!!
I MUST NOT FAVOR ONE SIDE OR ANOTHER
THAT THING'S NOT NATURAL!
SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST IS ALSO NATURE'S PROVINCE!
Don't call me old!!!
BAKOOM
NOT!
FUNNY!
THAT'S!
NO... I DON'T THINK SO
ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?
YOUR OPPONENT IS NATURE ITSELF
I SAW GLOWING EYES IN THE TORNADO!
THAT, MY FRIEND, SPELLS VIRUS!!
NOT POSSI-BLE!
USING YOUR REMOTE-GATE.
IF YOU'D TRANS-PORT ME
...I MUST NOT MEDDLE IN THE NATURAL ORDER OF THINGS!!
AS STIPULATED BY THE LAWS OF OUR FAMILY...

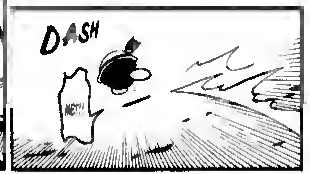
WHO'S ASKING YOU TO?!
SHREEEEE
NOW WOULD BE A GOOD TIME TO RUN
I WON'T COME TO YOUR RESCUE THIS TIME.
WE'LL TAKE CARE OF THAT TORNADO ...

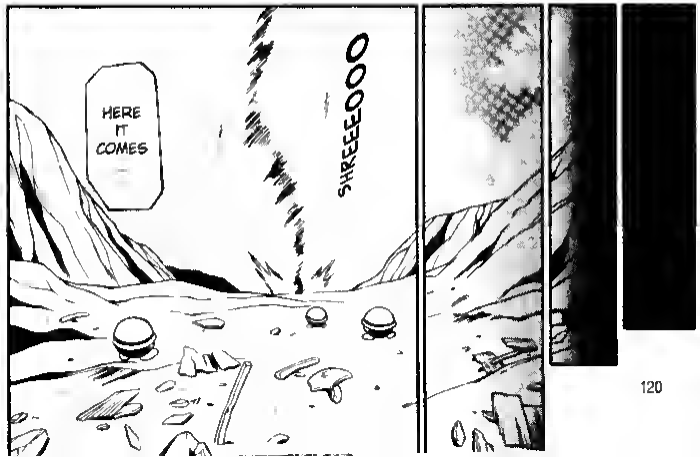

...UNDER OUR OWN POWER, THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!!
YOWP !!

MET
BUTT-HEAD!
I JUST NEED TO REACH THE CENTER OF THE TORNADO!!
ENOUGH!
NO!


MET!
MET!
MET!
MET!

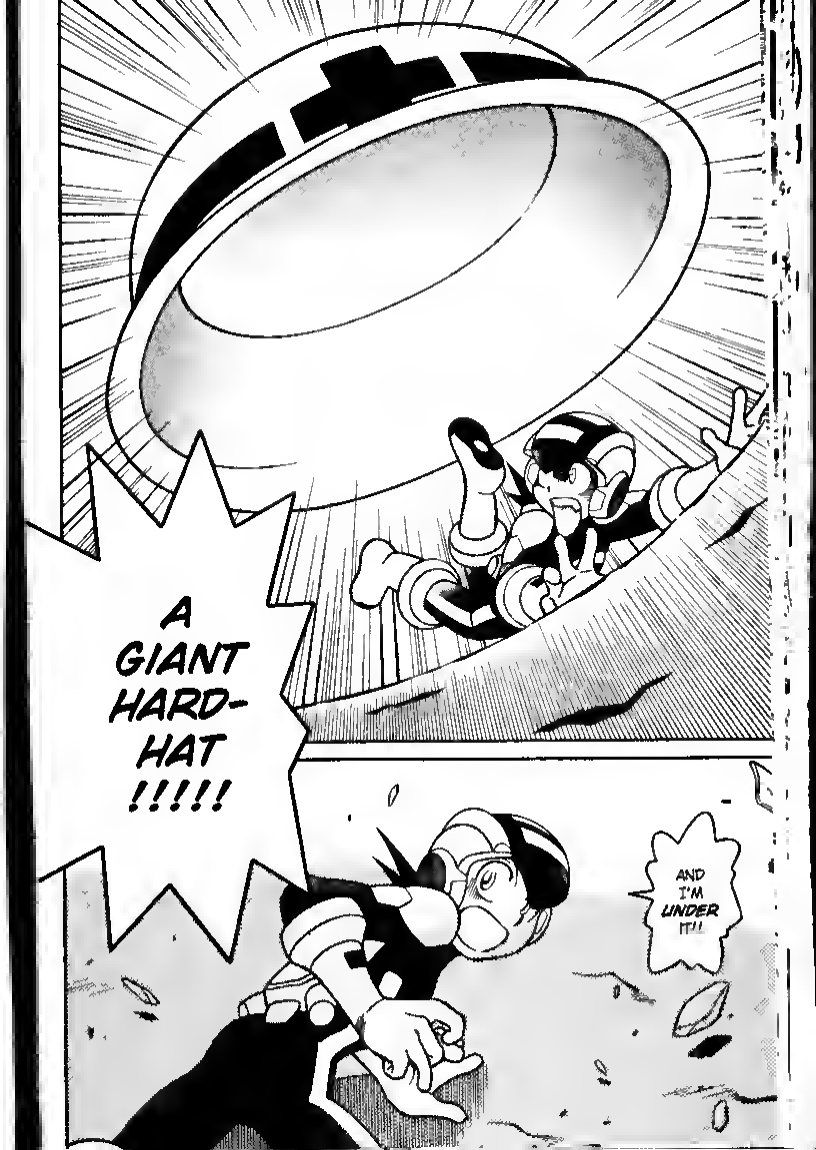



DASH
MET!


HERE IT COMES
SHREEEOOO

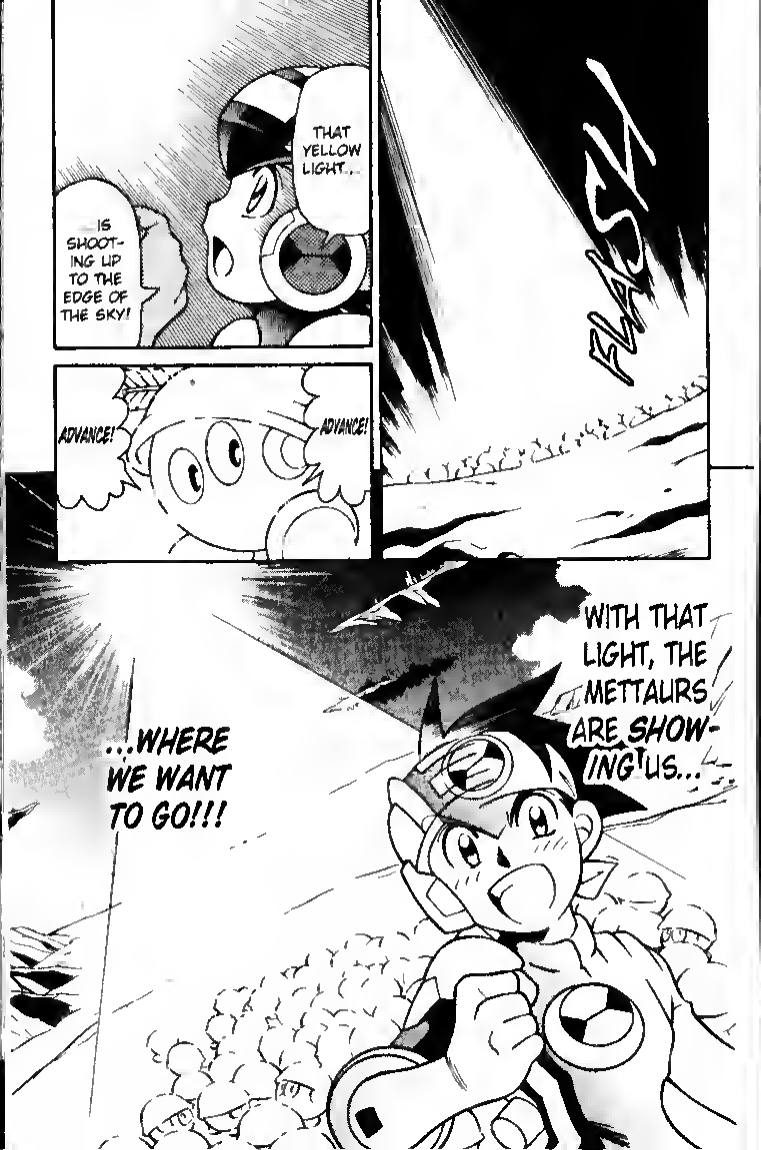
MET!
WHAT'RE THEY DOING ...?!
THE METTAURS !!
FLYING
MET !!!
WHAT IN...?!
SKI
EEE-YOW!!
SHREEE
MY HAND'S GOING NUMB...
GNNNH
...OR WE'RE FIN-ISHED !!
GOTTA HOLD ON...
MET
MET
MET

BWOOONG
SHREOOO
THE TORNADO'S PASSING OVER THE HELMET!!!


A GIANT HARD-HAT !!!!!
AND I'M UNDER IT!!

FROOOM
YAARR-RGH!!
VROOM
POP
Big Win
MET!
MET!
MET ...
A NETNAVI AND A VIRUS.. WORKING TOGETHER LIKE THAT...
THAT JUST BEATS ALL.

KRUH
NOW !!!
BUSTER PUNCH !!!!


THAT YELLOW LIGHT...
...IS SHOOTING UP TO THE EDGE OF THE SKY!
ADVANCE!
ADVANCE!
FLASH!
WITH THAT LIGHT, THE METTAURS ARE SHOWING US...
...WHERE WE WANT TO GO!!!

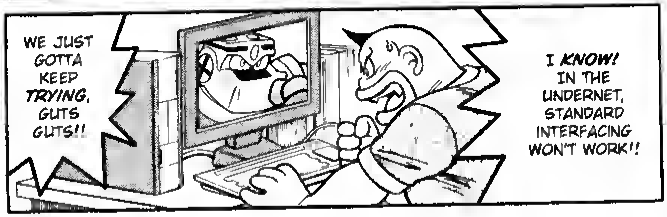
OKAY GUYS, OKAY...
...PUT ME DOWN!
HIP HIP HURRAY!
HIP HIP HURRAY!
HA HA HA HA!
MET!
MET!
OH... THAT'S MY MAP ...
MET!
MET!
MET!
?
SPARKLE
?!

CHAPTER 5:
CHASE THE MYSTERY UPGRADE PARTS!!

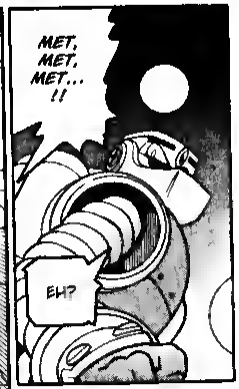
...OR A BED FOR CATCHING CATNAPS ♡
IT COULD BE A WIND-SHIELD.
...OR A TABLE FOR TEA BREAKS.
NOT FUNNY !!!
JUST KIDD-ING!
KIDS THINK THEY'RE SO CLEVER
LAN JUST GOT THE BETTER OF ME THERE..
HRMPH! WHEN YOU'VE HAD ENOUGH, USE IT TO GET HOME!!
THANKS, GATEMAN! I MEAN IT!

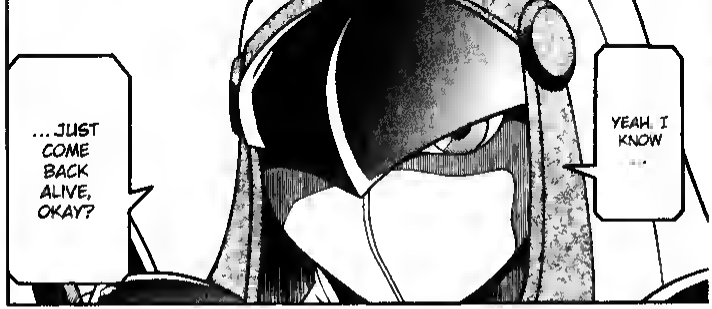
WITHIN THIS FOG...
...STANDS A MYSTERIOUS TEMPLE, WHICH NO ONE HAS EVER SEEN..
C'MON, MEGA-MAN!
WE'RE GOIN' THERE, DO OR DIE!
THAT'S IT, THEN!
I SEE THERE'S NO STOP-PING YOU.
THAT'S WHERE I'LL FIND THE UP-GRADES!
WELL, IF YOU SAY SO, GATE-MAN!
IT'LL BE A BIG HELP!
A REMOTE-GATE?
VRUUM
AT LEAST TAKE THIS ALONG.

WE'LL GET THERE TOO, GUTS GUTS!!
BUT WE HAVE TO GET INTO FULL-SYNCHRO FIRST!!
WHILE WE SIT HERE, MEGA-MAN'S...
...HONING HIS STRENGTH AND SKILL IN THE UNDERNET!

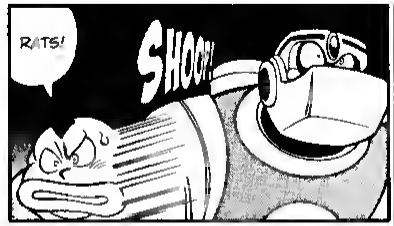

WE JUST GOTTA KEEP TRYING, GUTS GUTS!!
I KNOW! IN THE UNDERNET, STANDARD INTERFACING WON'T WORK!!

YOU! YOU'RE THAT METTAUR FROM BEFORE!
MET
MET
TRY ALL DAY...
...BUT NO WAY, JOSE!!

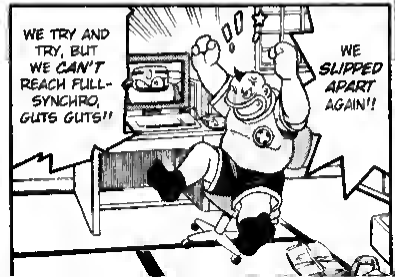

MET, MET, MET...!!
EH?


...JUST COME BACK ALIVE, OKAY?
YEAH. I KNOW...

YEP, GUTS GUTS!!
READY, GUTS-MAN?!
MEAN-WHILE, IN THE REAL WORLD... DENTECH CITY.


RATS!
SHOOT

FULL-SYNCHRO!!

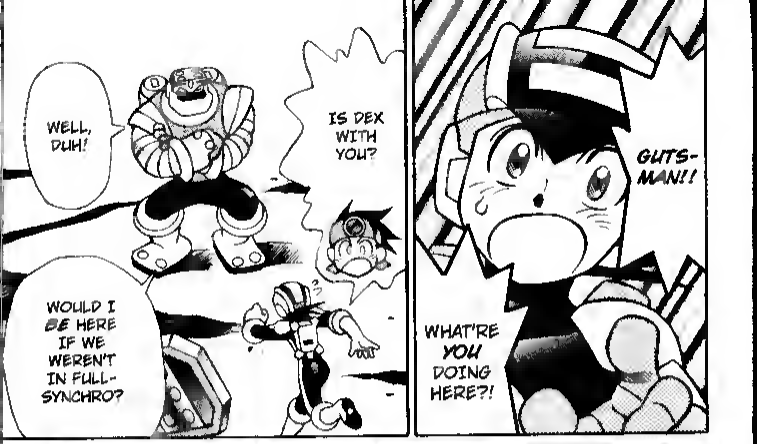

WE TRY AND TRY, BUT WE CAN'T REACH FULL-SYNCHRO, GUTS GUTS!!
WE SLIPPED APART AGAIN!!

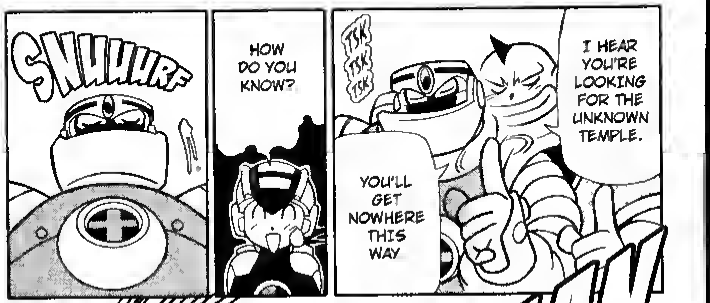
YOU LITTLE ..!!
WHY YOU... !!
HOW THE DING-DONG DID YOU ...?
HURF HARF GRA-AAH!!
SLOOSH
MET! ♫
KRUNK
ENOUGH !!!
KRASHOOOT!
DWEEEEAH
FSSH
PLAYTIME'S OVER, SHRIMP-BOAT.
FSSH
HEH HEH HEH...
MET !?
MET !!
WOW!
NOW TAKE ME...
...TO MEGA-MAN!!
?!

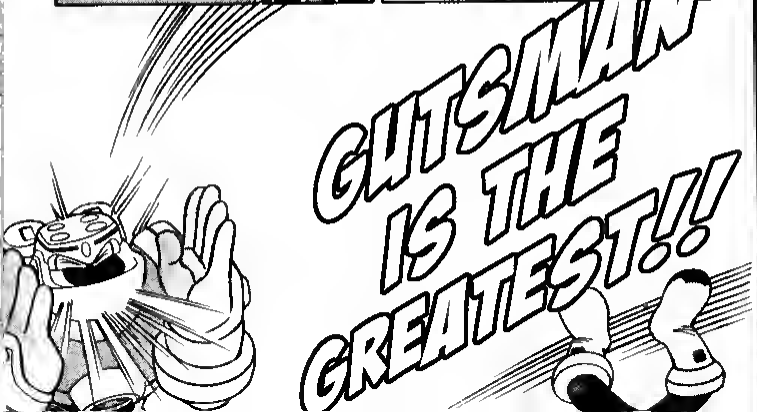
PHEW
GOTTA WONDER IF THERE IS A TEMPLE
RRRUMMBLE
YI!
TIME FOR A BREAK, I THINK.
...BUT ALL I'VE SEEN IS WASTE-LAND.
BEEN WALKING FOR HOURS...
WE'VE ACHIEVED FULL-SYNCHRO !!!
YAY HEY! WE'VE DONE IT!!

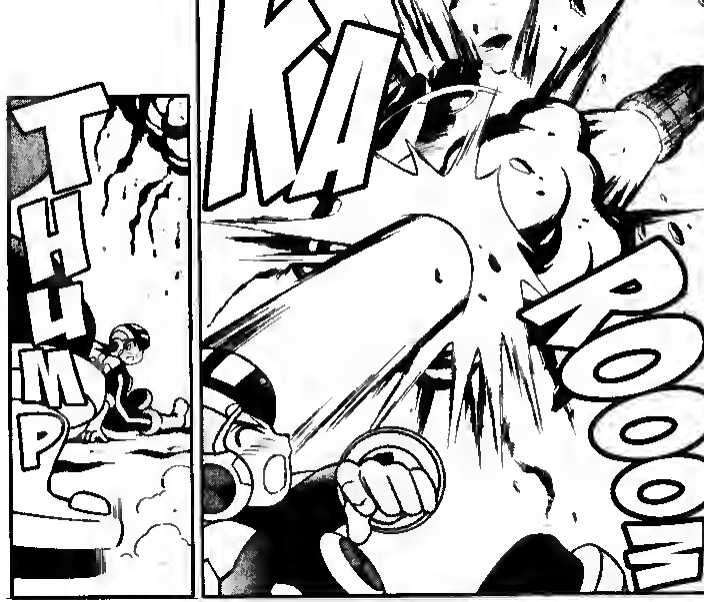
VREEN VREEN VREEN
ASSAULT BATTLE-CHIP IN!!
... WILL BE DELETED !!
VIOLA-TORS OF THIS SACRED GROUND ...
NOT THIS NETNAVI!
RRRUMMMMBLE
HEY !!
AN EARTH-QUAKE ?!
WHAT'S THIS?!
RRRUMMMM
WHOA !!!
THIS BOULDER ISN'T A BOULDER! IT'S A VIRUS!!!

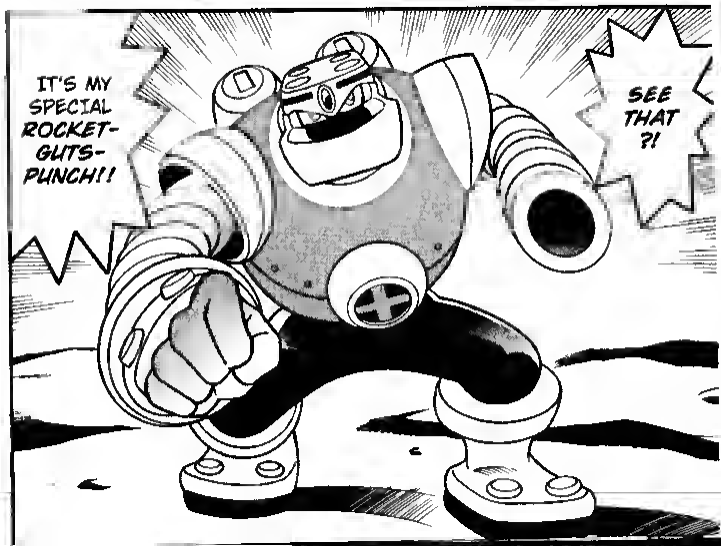
HUH ?!
ONE SIDE, MEGA-MAN!!
WHO'S ATTACK-ING?!
UH RUH. NO!
ROOSH
SWEEP
CYBER-SWORD !!
KA-LANG
THIS VIRUS HAS A PROTECTIVE AURA!!
THE CYBER-SWORD SHAT-TERED!!
AAA-UGH !!!
TROOOG


WELL, DUH!
IS DEX WITH YOU?
WOULD I BE HERE IF WE WEREN'T IN FULL-SYNCHRO?
GUTS-MAN!!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?!


SNUUURF
HOW DO YOU KNOW?
TSK TSK TSK
YOU'LL GET NOWHERE THIS WAY
I HEAR YOU'RE LOOKING FOR THE UNKNOWN TEMPLE.

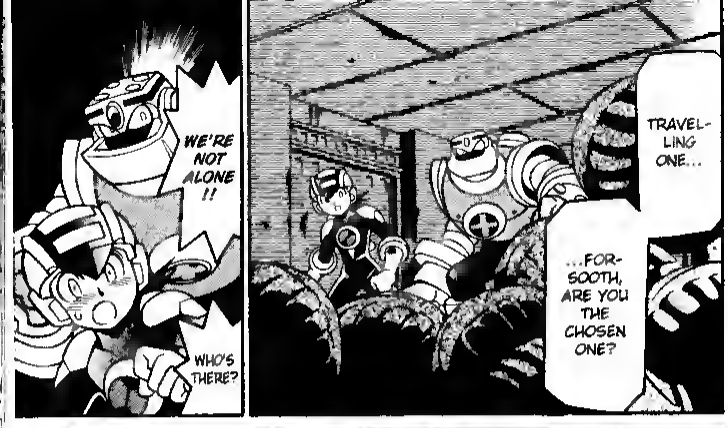

GUTSMAN IS THE GREATEST!!


THUMP
KA-BOOOM

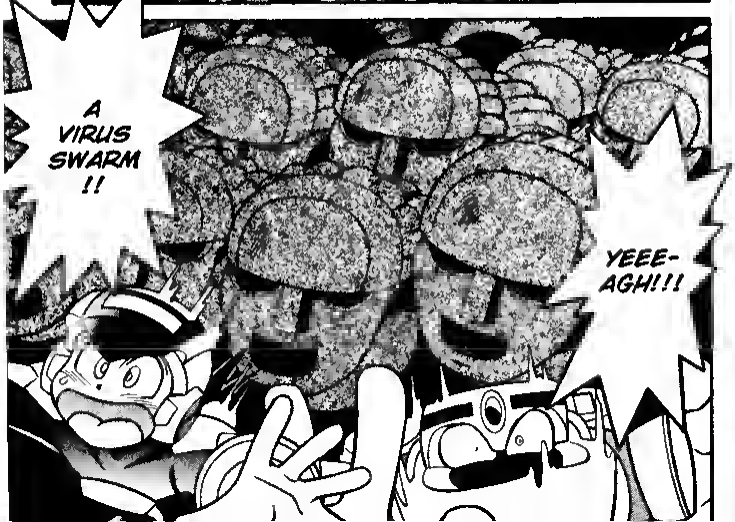

IT'S MY SPECIAL ROCKET-GUTS-PUNCH!!
SEE THAT?!

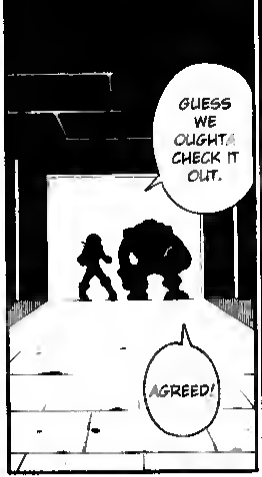
AH, SO TRUE, SO TRUE...
GUTSMAN IS THE GREATEST ... GUTSMAN IS THE GREATEST
THAT'S THE DIRECTION THE ECHO CAME FROM
THERE'S DEFINITELY SOMETHING MASSIVE OUT THERE
PRIIING
WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT?!
HOW SO?
I'D SAY THE TEMPLE LIES THATAWAY
HE EVEN LOOKS SMART ...
WHAT'S UP WITH DEX?
THAT WAS . GOOD THINK-ING
KOOM KOOM
WHAT SAY WE CHECK IT OUT?

WHEEEO
THERE WE ARE!!
THE UNKNOWN TEMPLE !!!
...FOUND IT THAT EASILY?!
Y'MEAN, WE...

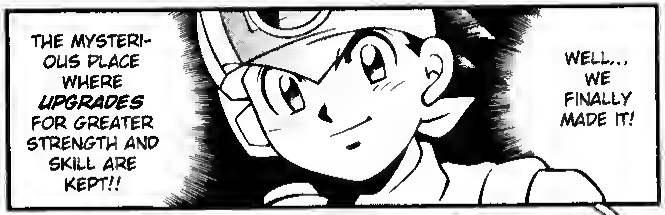

WE'RE NOT ALONE !!
WHO'S THERE?
TRAVEL-LING ONE...
...FOR-SOOTH, ARE YOU THE CHOSEN ONE?

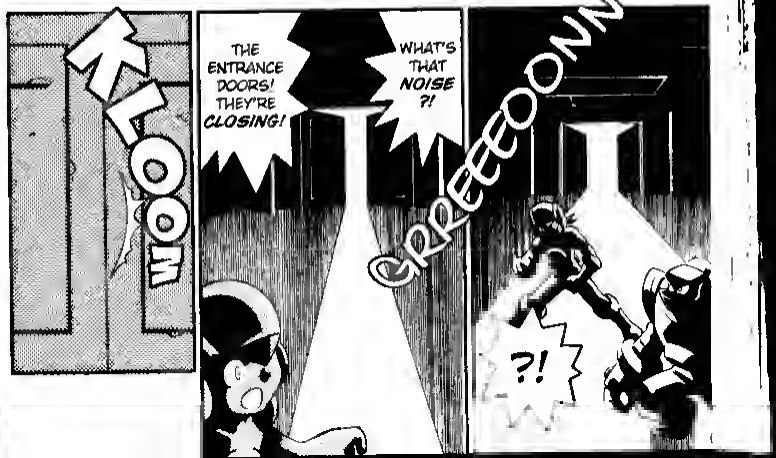
SHOW THAT THOU BE THE CHOSEN ONE!
RRUMMBLE
SHOW THY PROOF...

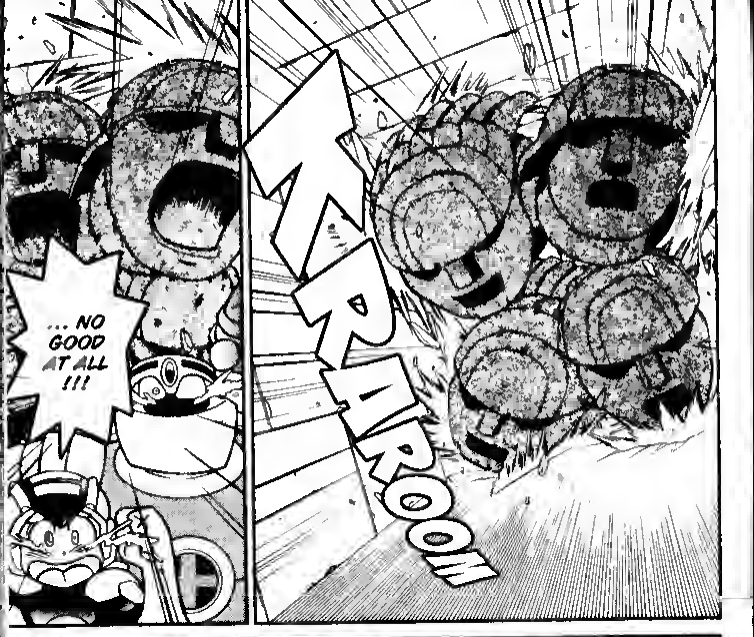

A VIRUS SWARM !!
YEEE-AGH!!!


GUESS WE OUGHT A CHECK IT OUT.
AGREED!

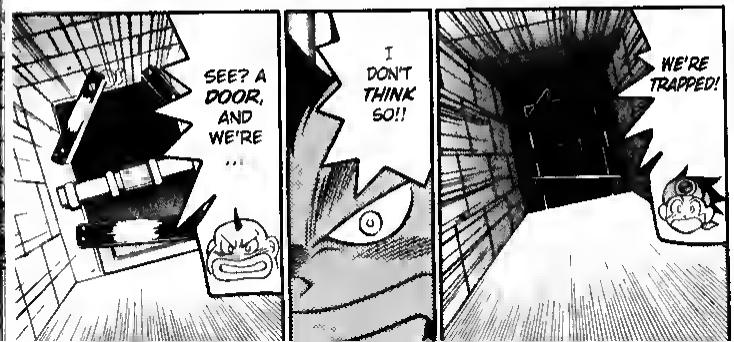
THIS LOOKS... THOU-SANDS OF YEARS OLD!
WEIRD. THE CYBER WORLD DIDN'T EVEN EXIST A CENTURY AGO.

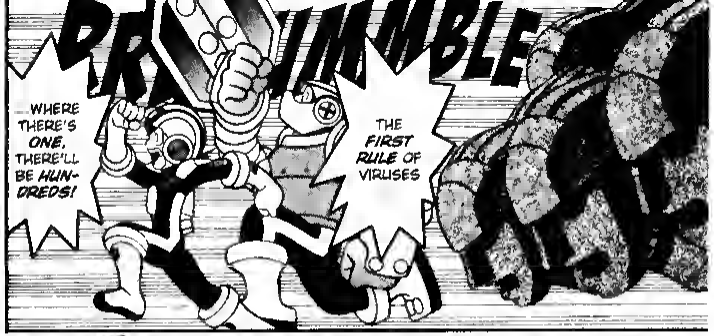

THE MYSTERI-OUS PLACE WHERE UPGRADES FOR GREATER STRENGTH AND SKILL ARE KEPT!!
WELL... WE FINALLY MADE IT!

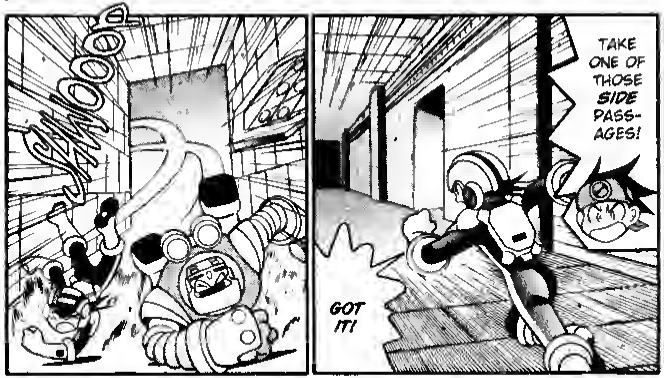

KLOOM
THE ENTRANCE DOORS! THEY'RE CLOSING!
WHAT'S THAT NOISE ?!
CRREEEOONN
?!

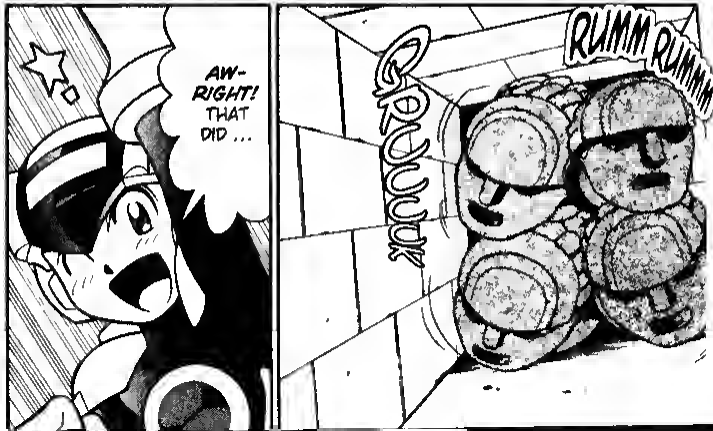

... NO GOOD AT ALL !!!
TRAROOM

A DEAD END!!
UH OH!

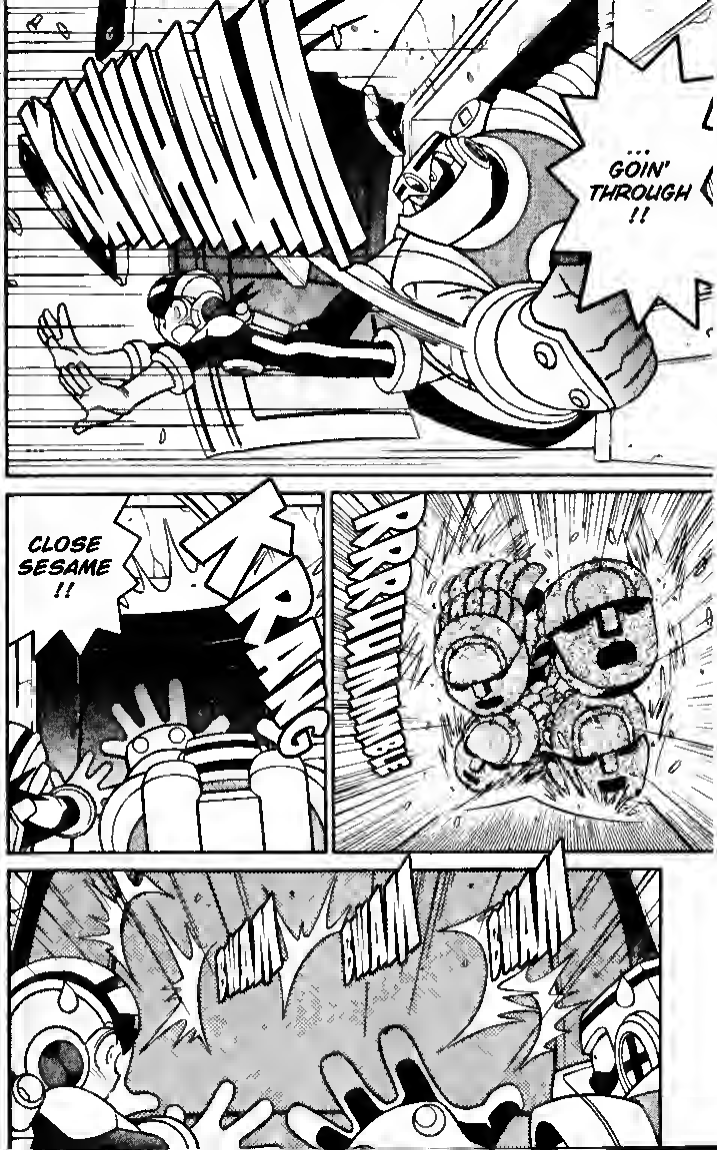

SEE? A DOOR, AND WE'RE ...
I DON'T THINK SO!!
WE'RE TRAPPED!

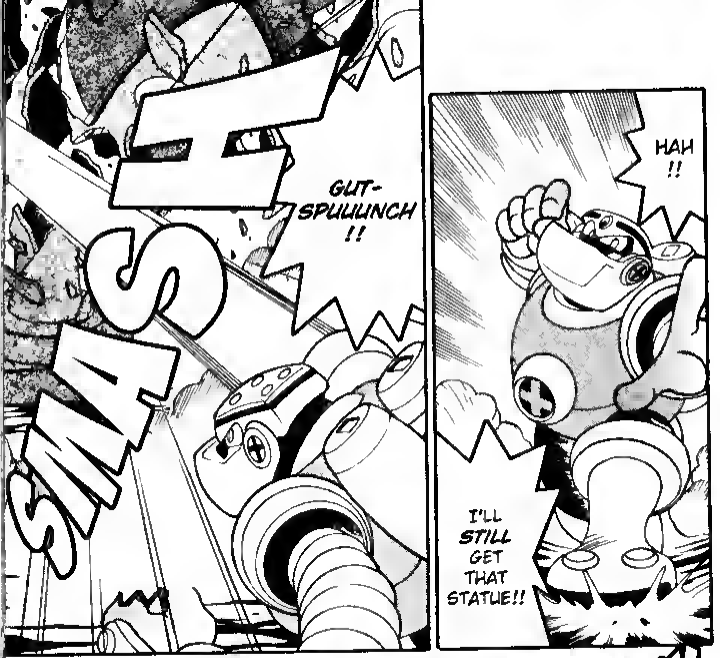

... WHERE THERE'S ONE, THERE'LL BE HUNDREDS!
THE FIRST RULE OF VIRUSES

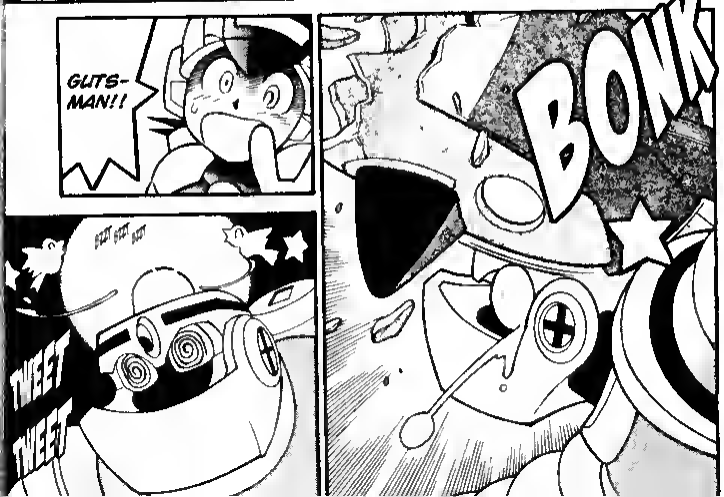

BOOMS
TAKE ONE OF THOSE SIDE PASSAGES!
GOT IT!

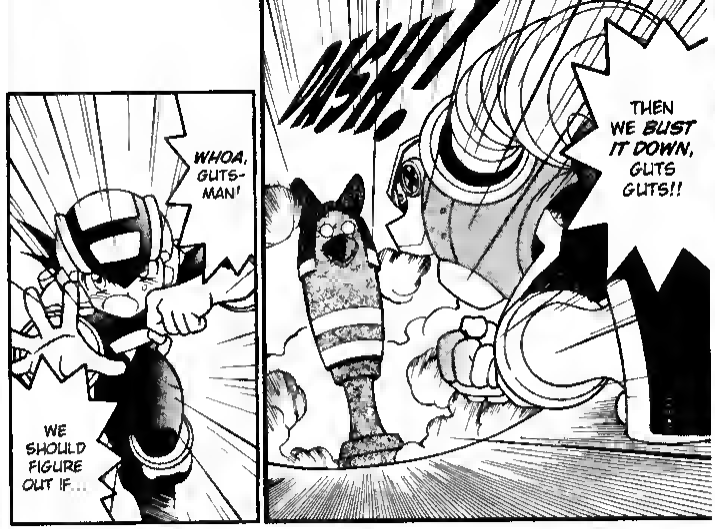

AW-RIGHT! THAT DID ...
GRUUUK
RUMM RUMMM

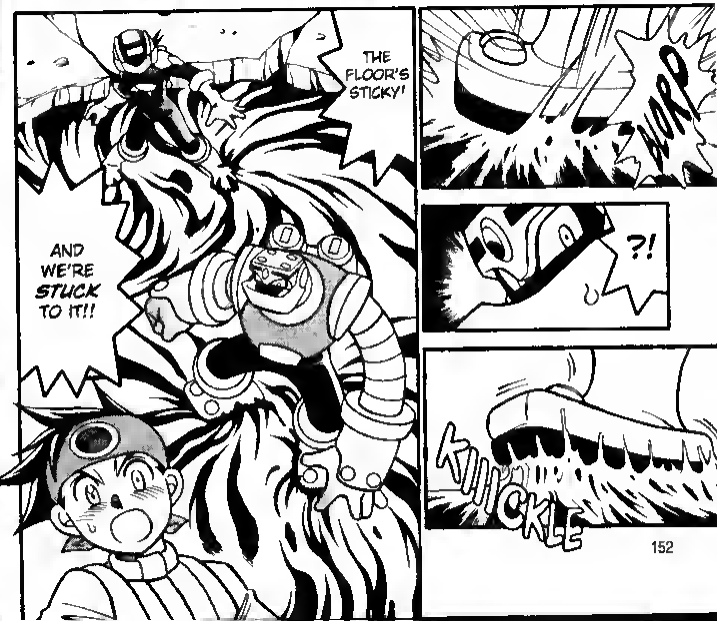
YOU'RE DOING GREAT TODAY, GUTSMAN.
THAT'LL HOLD 'EM FOR THE MOMENT.
BWAM
BWAM
BWAM
BWAM
PHEEEW ...
DON'T I ALWAYS ..?
WE'RE BEING SMOKED!
KOFF!
KOFF!
KOFF!
HACK!!
JETTING FROM THE BASE OF THAT WEIRD STATUE!!
NOT SMOKE! POISON GAS!!

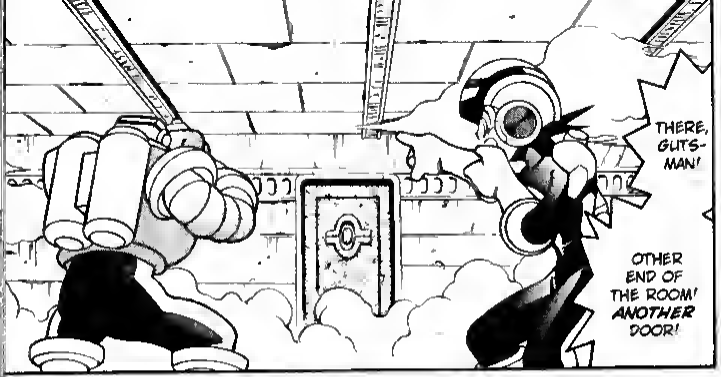

...GOIN' THROUGH!!
CLOSE SESAME!!
TRANG
BWAM
BWAM
BWAM


SMASH
GUT-SPUUUNCH!!
HAH!!
I'LL STILL GET THAT STATUE!!

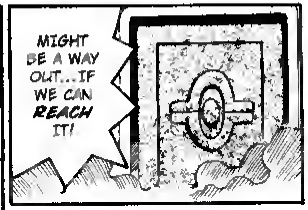

GUTS-MAN!!
BONK
TWEET TWEET

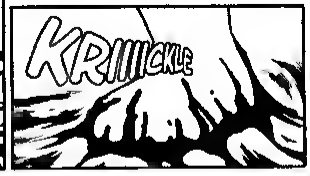

WHOA, GUTS-MAN!
WE SHOULD FIGURE OUT IF...
DASH!!
THEN WE BUST IT DOWN, GUTS GUTS!!


THE FLOOR'S STICKY!
AND WE'RE STUCK TO IT!!
WARP
?!
TWICKLE


THERE, GUTS-MAN!
OTHER END OF THE ROOM! ANOTHER DOOR!

CAN'T! STUCK FAST, GUTS GUTS!
WE'RE FINISHED, GUTS GUTS!!


MIGHT BE A WAY OUT...IF WE CAN REACH IT!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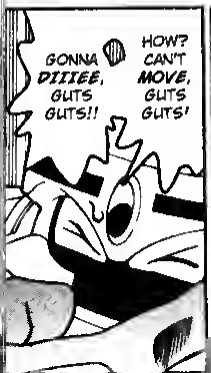
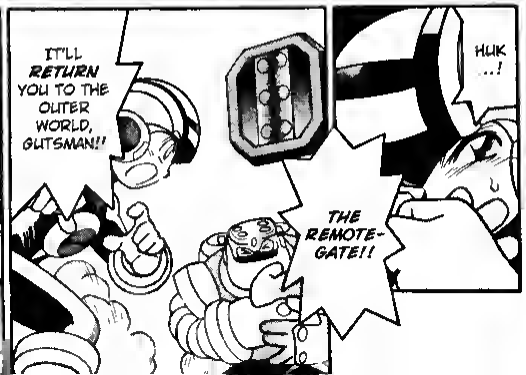
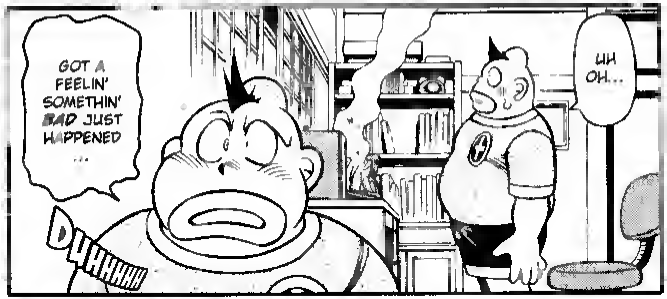
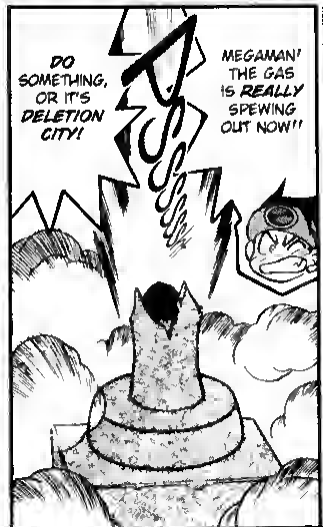
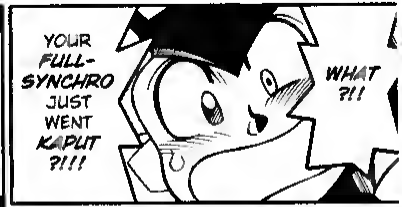

GONNA DIIIEE, GUTS GUTS!!
HOW? CAN'T MOVE, GUTS GUTS!

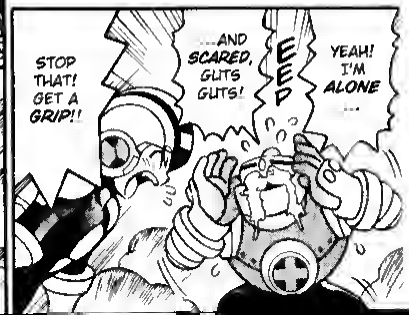

IT'LL RETURN YOU TO THE OUTER WORLD, GUTSMAN!!
HUK ..!
THE REMOTE-GATE!!

KRRR!
HUH ...?


GOT A FEELIN' SOMETHIN' BAD JUST HAPPENED ...
UH OH...
DUHHHH


DO SOMETHING, OR IT'S DELETION CITY!
MEGAMAN! THE GAS IS REALLY SPEWING OUT NOW!!

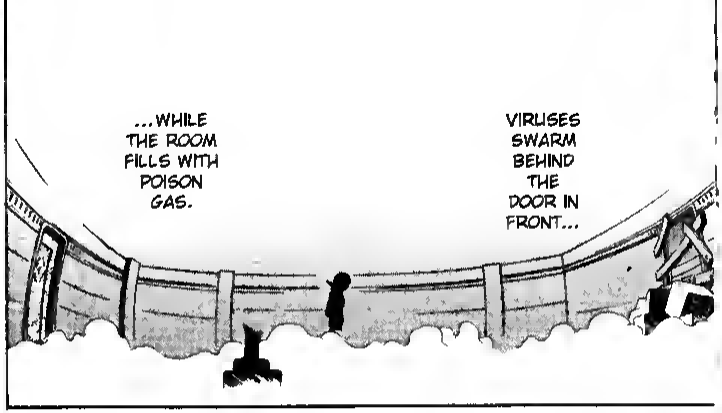

YOUR FULL-SYNCHRO JUST WENT KAPUT ?!!!
WHAT ?!!

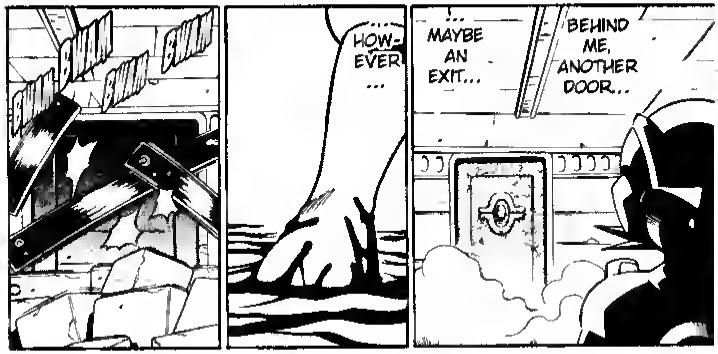

STOP THAT! GET A GRIP!!
...AND SCARED, GUTS GUTS!
EEP
YEAH! I'M ALONE ...

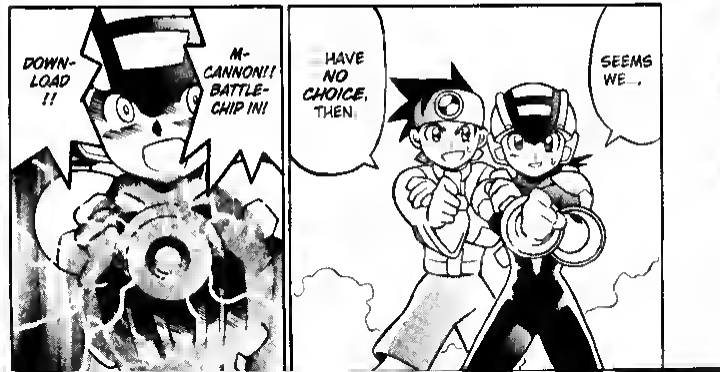
BREEEEEK
MEGA-MA...
NO GO, BUT THANKS
THIS WAS FUN WE'LL HAVE TO DO IT AGAIN!
YOU KNOW IT IS, MEGAMAN
IS THIS WHAT YOU WANT?
LAN..
AND WE'LL NEVER REACH BASS!!!
WE BACK OUT NOW

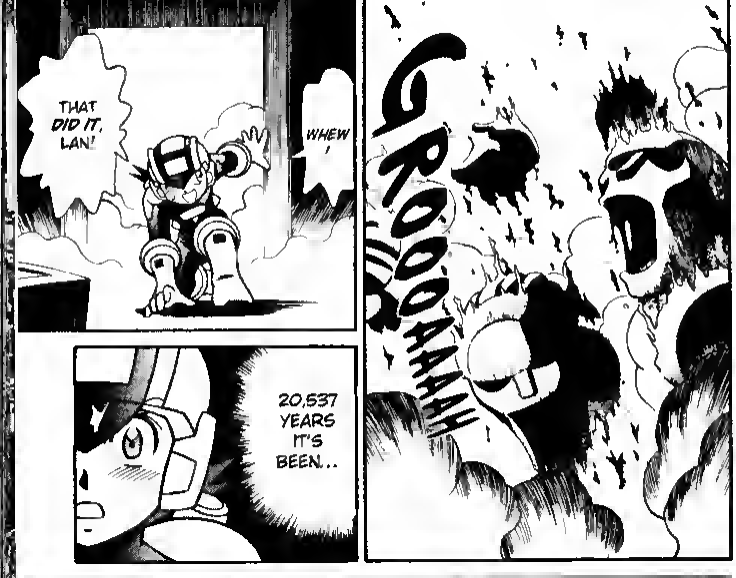
LONG-SWORD!!
DON'T TALK LIKE THAT, GUTS GUTS!
YOU CAN ESCAPE TOO! HURRY, GUTS!!!
...I'M GLAD YOU CAME! TELL DEX, OKAY?
GUTS-MAN...
HEY!

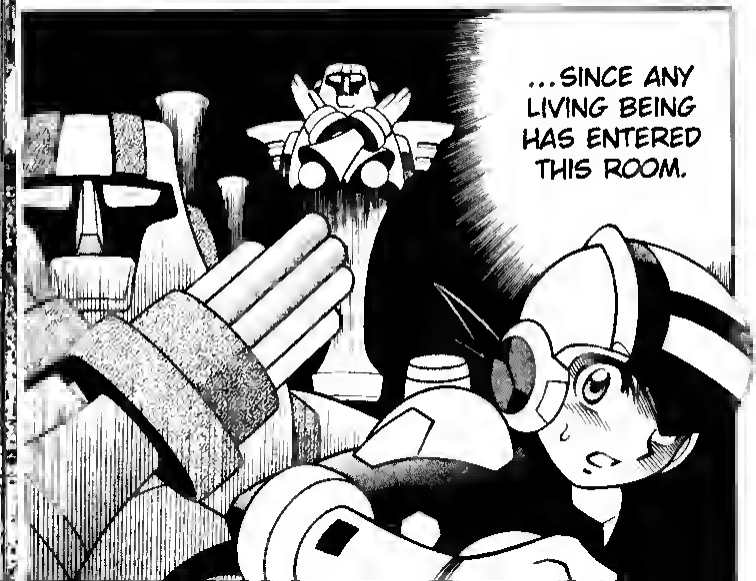
BI-ROOM!!
HIIISSSH
COME AN' GIT IT!!!


...WHILE THE ROOM FILLS WITH POISON GAS.
VIRUSES SWARM BEHIND THE DOOR IN FRONT...


CLANK! CLANK! CLANK!
HOW-EVER...
MAYBE AN EXIT...
BEHIND ME, ANOTHER DOOR...

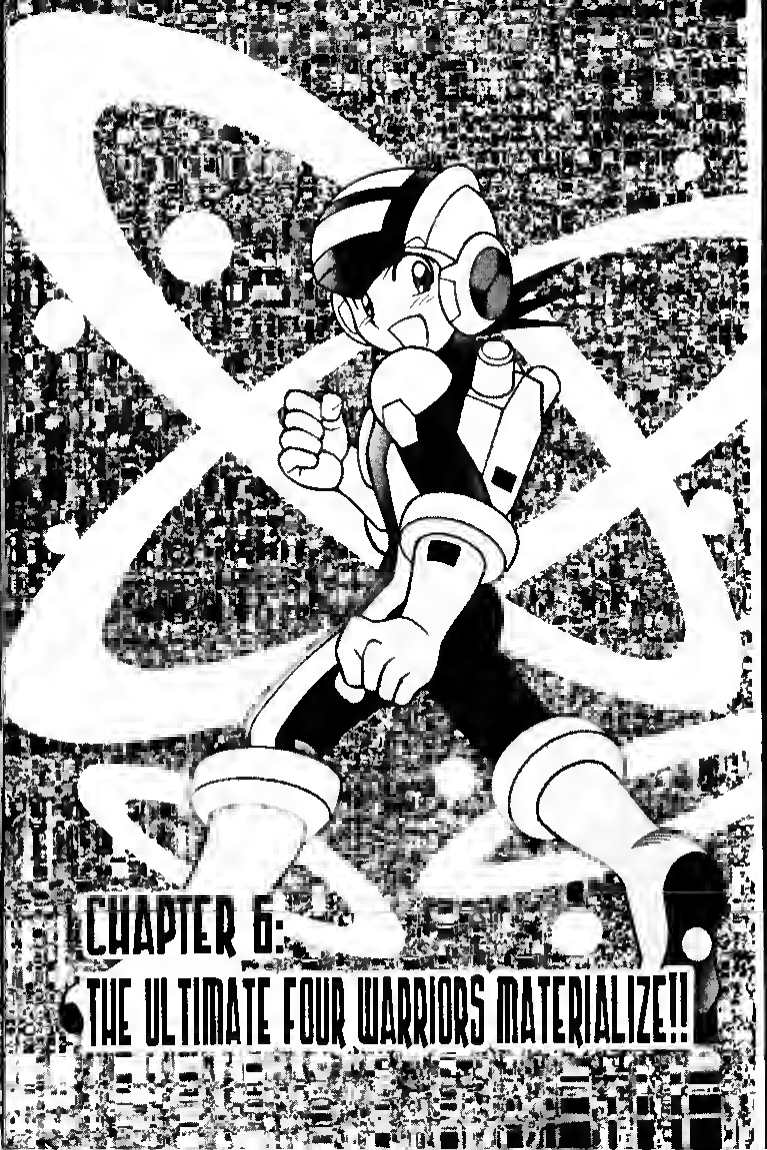

DOWN-LOAD!!
M-CANNON!! BATTLE-CHIP IN!
HAVE NO CHOICE, THEN.
SEEMS WE...


THAT DID IT, LAN!
WHEW!
GROOOAAAH!!
20,537 YEARS IT'S BEEN...


...SINCE ANY LIVING BEING HAS ENTERED THIS ROOM.

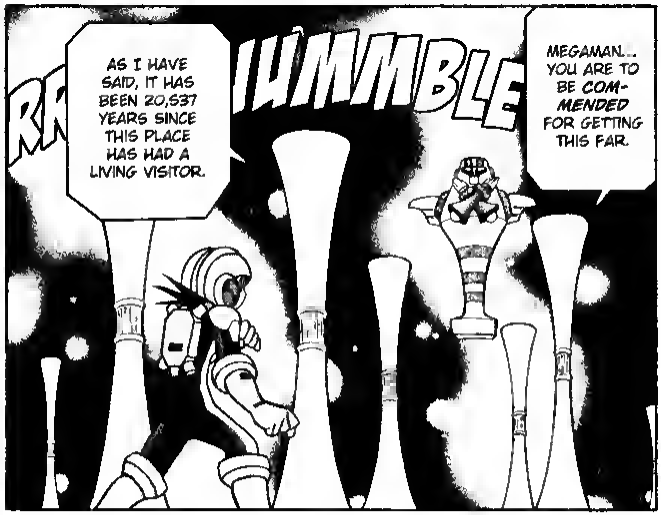
Thump

URF! THERE WE GO!!

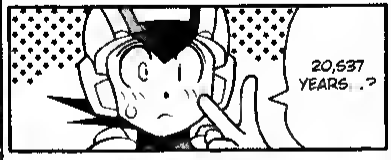


CHAPTER 6:
THE ULTIMATE FOUR WARRIORS MATERIALIZE!!

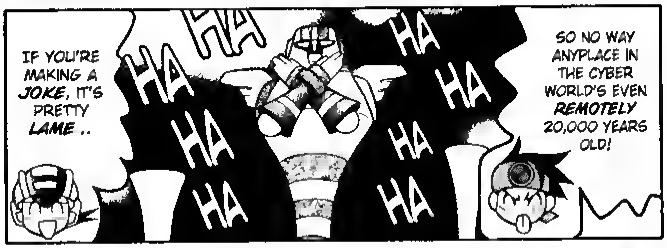
RUMBLE
UH... HI, I'M MEGAMAN!
I AM PHARAOH-MAN.
...GUARDIAN OF THIS CHAMBER SINCE TIME IMMEMORIAL.


AS I HAVE SAID, IT HAS BEEN 20,537 YEARS SINCE THIS PLACE HAS HAD A LIVING VISITOR.
MEGAMAN... YOU ARE TO BE COM-MENDED FOR GETTING THIS FAR.

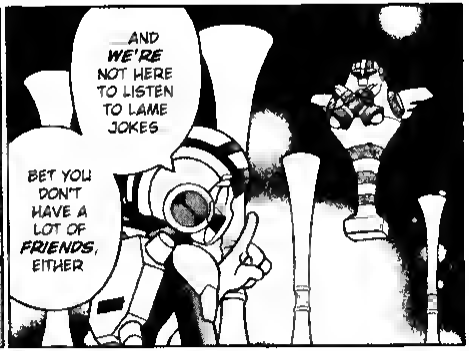
COMPUTERS HAVE BEEN AROUND ONE HUNDRED YEARS AT MOST! AND THE CYBER WORLD'S NEWER THAN THAT!
HEY!

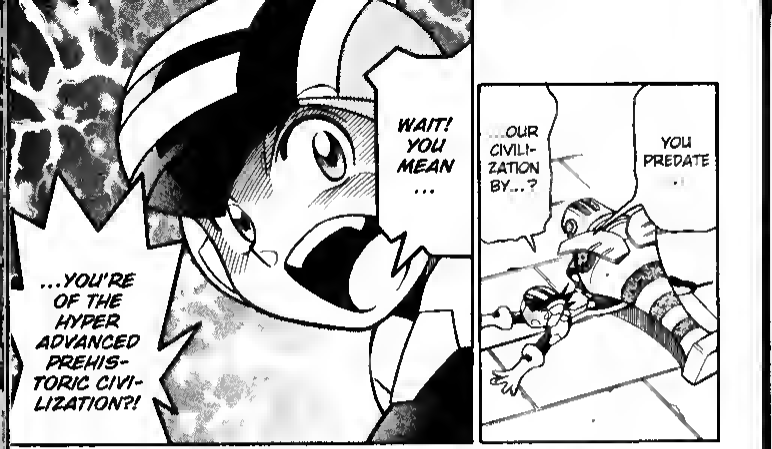

20,537 YEARS..?

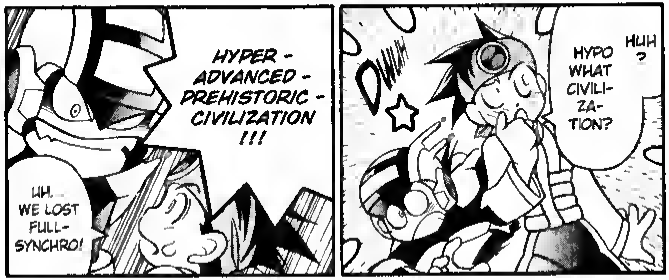
DOES HE THINK WE'RE STUPID?!
HEH!


IF YOU'RE MAKING A JOKE, IT'S PRETTY LAME..
HA HA HA
HA HA HA
SO NO WAY ANYPLACE IN THE CYBER WORLD'S EVEN REMOTELY 20,000 YEARS OLD!

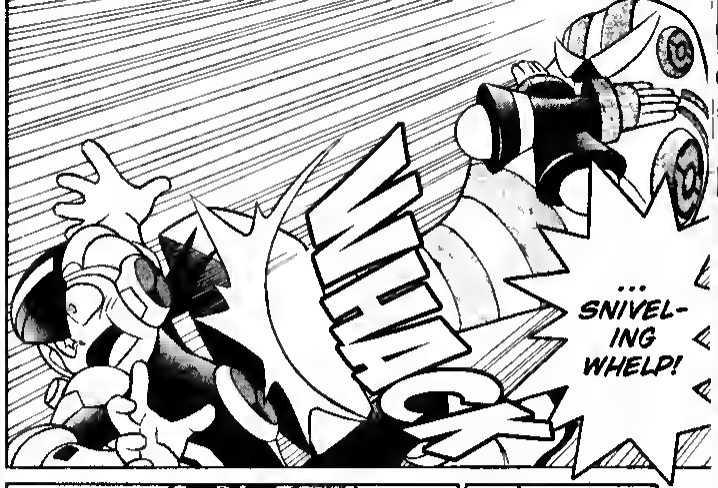
RRUUUMBLE
YOU...

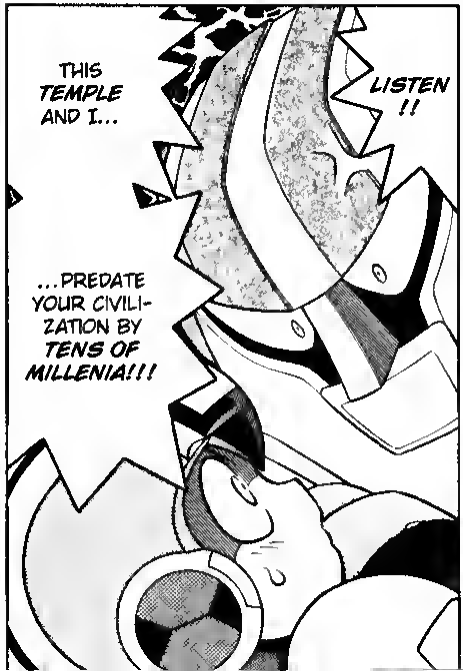

...AND WE'RE NOT HERE TO LISTEN TO LAME JOKES
BET YOU DON'T HAVE A LOT OF FRIENDS, EITHER


WAIT! YOU MEAN ...
...YOU'RE OF THE HYPER ADVANCED PREHISTORIC CIVILIZATION?!
...OUR CIVILIZATION BY...?
YOU PREDATE ...


HYPER - ADVANCED - PREHISTORIC - CIVILIZATION !!!
UH.. WE LOST FULL-SYNCHRO!
DWHH
HUH ?
HYPO WHAT CIVILIZATION?

UH.. SHE DID..?
MS MARI TOLD US ABOUT IT DURING HISTORY PERIOD
REMEMBER, LAN?

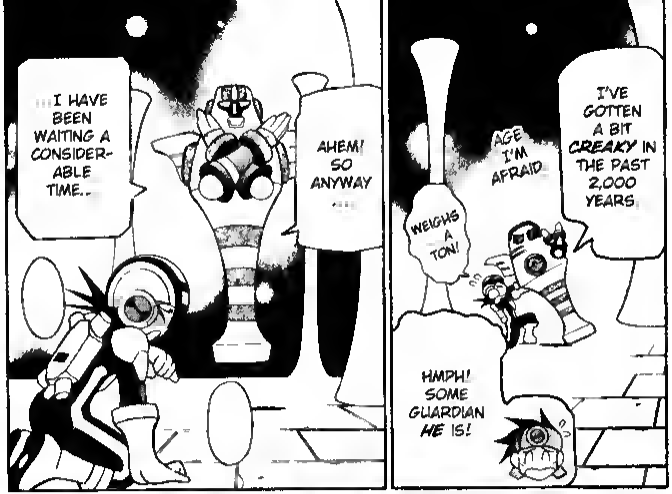

WHACK
... SNIVELING WHELP!

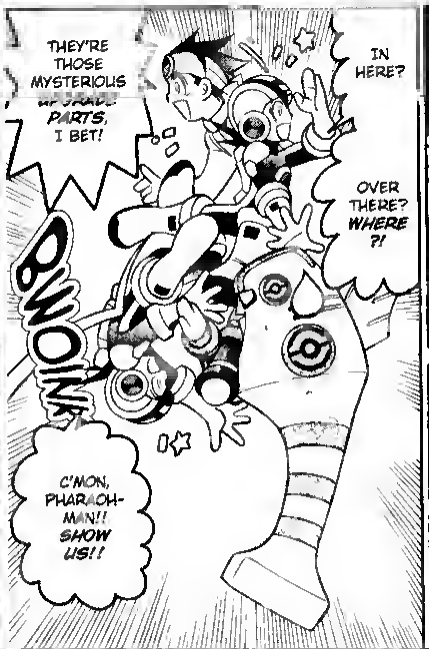

LISTEN !!
THIS TEMPLE AND I...
...PREDATE YOUR CIVILIZATION BY TENS OF MILLENIA!!!

WATCH YOUR MOUTH!! AND RESPECT YOUR ELDERS!!
GAA-ARGH!!

BUT THIS IS LITTLE MORE THAN VAGUE LEGEND
VERY GOOD, YAI.
OUR CIVILIZATION BASICALLY HAD TO START FROM SCRATCH.
AGES AGO THEY REACHED THE SUMMIT OF CIVILIZED DEVELOPMENT, AND THEN FOR SOME REASON COLLAPSED.
IT'S NOT REALLY HISTORY...
HOW ABOUT OOPATS,* MS. MARI?
* OUT OF PLACE AND TIME OBJECTS
HISTORY STOMPED BY SENSATIONALIST TRIPE - AGAIN!!
RAH!
WONDER WHAT THAT CIVILIZATION WAS LIKE?
...AND ARE SAID TO BE FOUND ALL OVER THE WORLD?!
RAH!
NO WAY!?
...PROVE THE EXISTENCE OF THE UNKNOWN CIVILIZATION
YOU MEAN THOSE WEIRD THINGS THAT'RE SUPPOSED TO.
RAH!
...
OH, RIGHT... YOU SLEPT THROUGH IT...
GYAWWN
HEY LAN, WHATCHA THINK ABOUT...

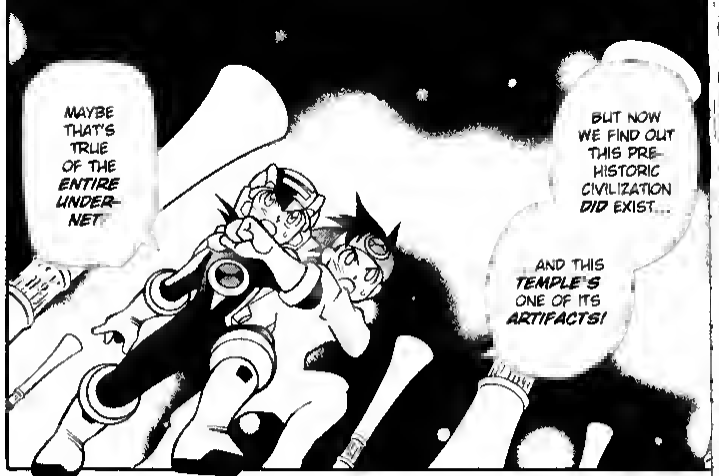
...HUMAN CIVILIZATION BEGAN IN THESE VARIOUS REGIONS.
SO YOU SEE,
5,000 TO 7,000 YEARS AGO...
D'OOH!!
HA HA HA
THOSE PLACES NEVER EXISTED! SHEESH...
DEX, YOU DOPE!
...WHERE ARE THE CONTINENTS OF MU AND ATLANTIS?
UM... MS. MARI
THEY'RE CALLED HYPER ADVANCED PREHISTORIC CIVILIZATIONS!!
THAT'S RIGHT!
EVEN MORE ADVANCED THAN OURS, THAT THRIVED LONG BEFORE OUR RECORDED HISTORY.
...WHO BELIEVE THERE WERE CIVILIZATIONS...
THERE ARE THOSE, HOWEVER...
NO KIDDING?!

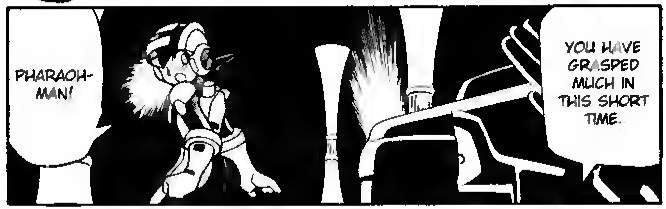

...I HAVE BEEN WAITING A CONSIDERABLE TIME...
AHEM! SO ANYWAY...
I'VE GOTTEN A BIT CREAKY IN THE PAST 2,000 YEARS AGE I'M AFRAID
WEIGHS A TON!
HMPH! SOME GUARDIAN HE IS!

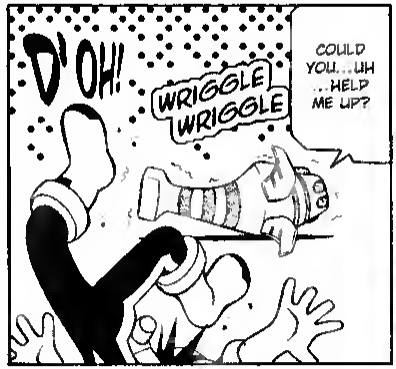

THEY'RE THOSE MYSTERIOUS UPGRADE PARTS, I BET!
IN HERE?
OVER THERE? WHERE?!
BWOING
C'MON, PHARAOH-MAN!! SHOW US!!

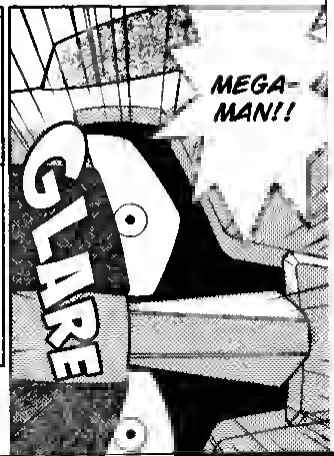
...FOR THE ARRIVAL OF THE CHOSEN ONE...
...SO I MAY BESTOW THE SECRET TREASURES OF OUR ROYAL LINE!

TREA-SURES?!
EH?!


MAYBE THAT'S TRUE OF THE ENTIRE UNDER-NET...
BUT NOW WE FIND OUT THIS PRE-HISTORIC CIVILIZATION DID EXIST...
...AND THIS TEMPLE'S ONE OF ITS ARTIFACTS!


PHARAOH-MAN!
YOU HAVE GRASPED MUCH IN THIS SHORT TIME.


D'OH!
WRIGGLE WRIGGLE
COULD YOU...UH ...HELP ME UP?


MEGA-MAN!!
GLARE

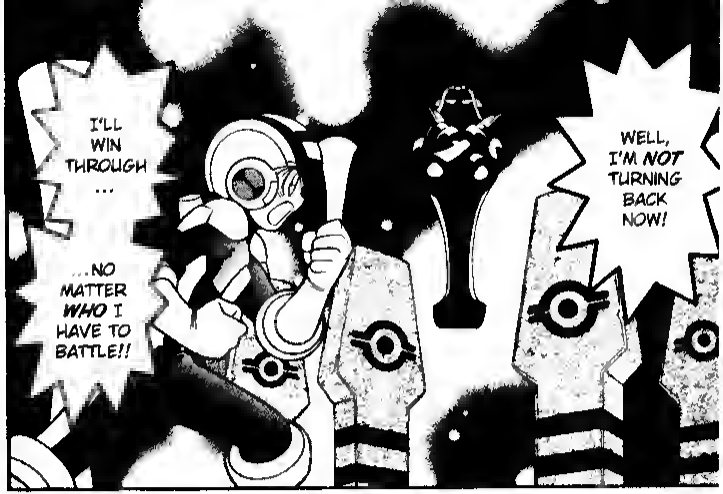
YOU MUST BATTLE OUR DYNASTY'S PRIZE CHAMPIONS ..
... THE FOUR ULTIMATE WARRIORS !!!
THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY TO OBTAIN THE TREASURES!
MEGA-MAN!
FOUR? AGAINST ONE?!
THIS IS GETTIN' MAJOR WEIRD!!
FOUR SARCOPH-AGI?!
HUH ?!
RRUUUMBLE
YOW!!
BAD BOY!!
WILL YOU BE QUIET ?!!
THERE IS STILL THE MATTER OF PROVING YOU ARE THE CHOSEN ONE!!
WOBBLE
I SWEAR, THE YOUTH OF TODAY HAVE NO MANNERS !!
AGAIN ?!
SOME ASSIS-TANCE, PLEASE..
UGGLE
KLUNK
NUTS!

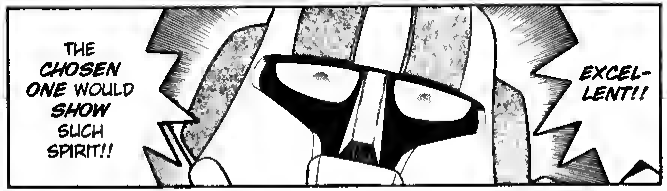
IT CAN'T BE!!!!
NO WAY !!

FWEEEEEOOO

YES, TREA-SURES
...ARE WHAT I'LL GIVE YOU

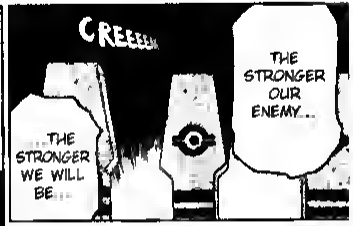
FLUTTER FLUTTER SNAP

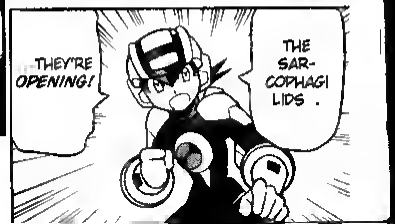

I'LL WIN THROUGH ...
...NO MATTER WHO I HAVE TO BATTLE!!
WELL, I'M NOT TURNING BACK NOW!


THE CHOSEN ONE WOULD SHOW SUCH SPIRIT!!
EXCEL-LENT!!

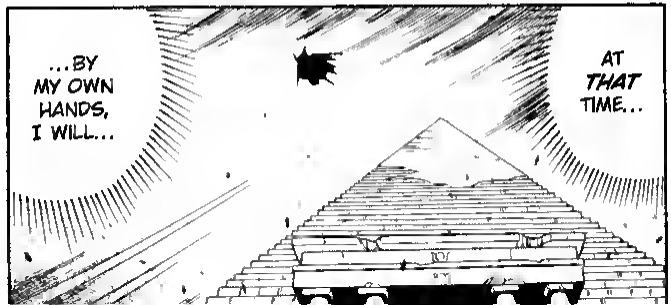
!!

CREEEEP
THE FASTER OUR ENEMY...
...THE FASTER WE WILL BE!!


CREEEEP
...THE STRONGER WE WILL BE...
THE STRONGER OUR ENEMY...


...THEY'RE OPENING!
THE SAR-COPHAGI LIDS.

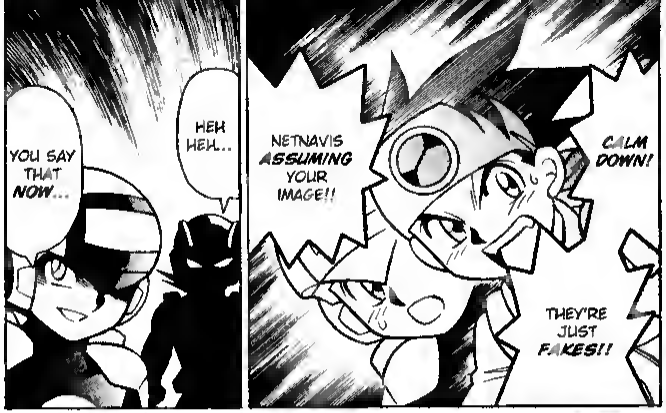
TRIUMPH NOW, AND RETURN!!
RETURN IN YOUR FULL POWER TO FACE ME!!

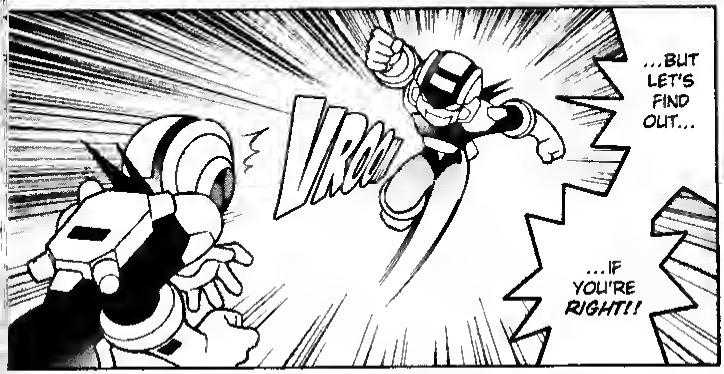

...BY MY OWN HANDS, I WILL...
AT THAT TIME...

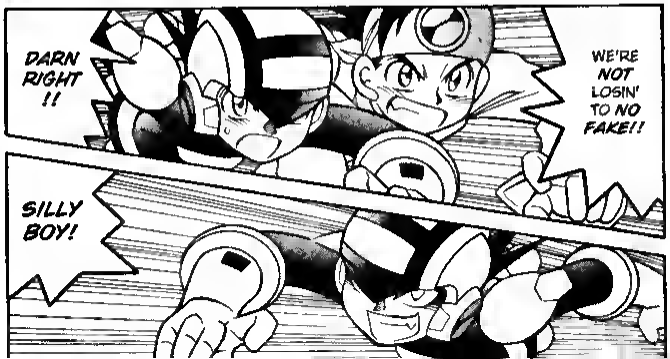
YOUR QUEST WILL LEAD YOU TO CHALLENGE ME! I TOUCHED YOU...
...BUT NOT SO YOU COULD GROW STRONGER!! NO, YOU'RE HERE...

...TO SLAKE MY THIRST, AND APPEASE MY HUNGER!!!
WHEEOOOH

...FOUR MEGA-MEN?!!!
THESE ULTIMATE WARRIORS ARE...

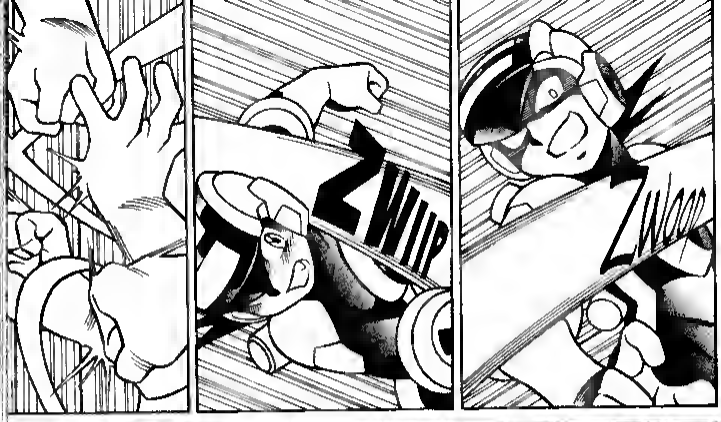

YOU SAY THAT NOW...
HEH HEH...
NETNAVIS ASSUMING YOUR IMAGE!!
CALM DOWN!
THEY'RE JUST FAKES!!

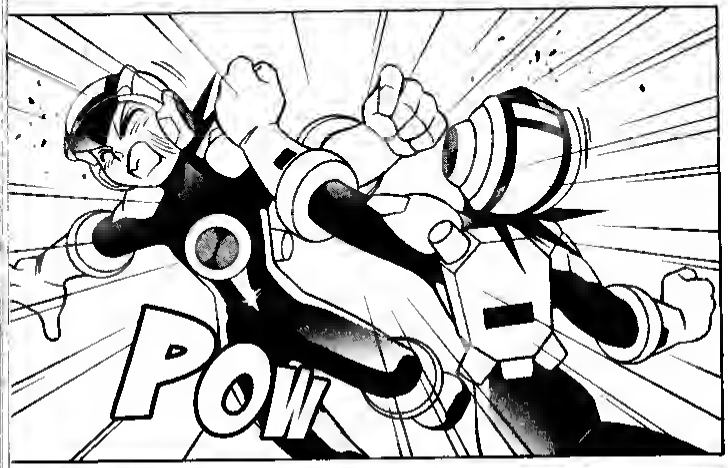

VROOM
...BUT LET'S FIND OUT...
...IF YOU'RE RIGHT!!


DARN RIGHT!!
WE'RE NOT LOSIN' TO NO FAKE!!
SILLY BOY!

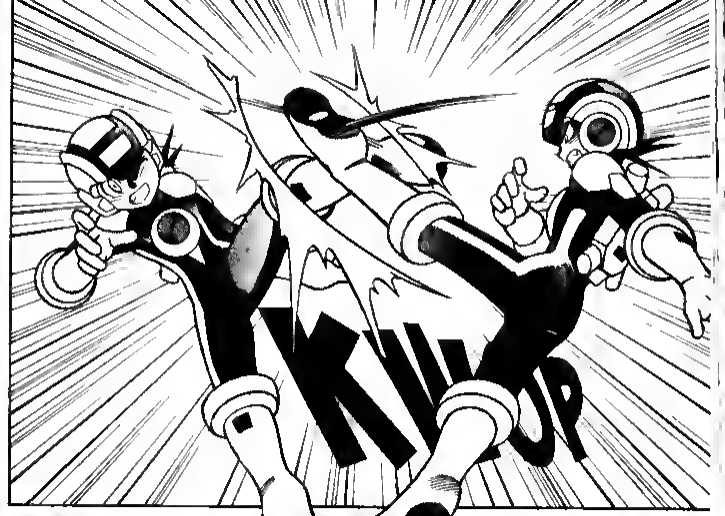
...AND YOU...
YOU GOT IT!
...AND YOU...
WE'RE YOU...

NO WAY! IT'S NOT POSSIBLE!!
WHAAAAA
HAH?! I'M THE VERY MODEL OF A PRE-HISTORIC NETNAVI?!!
WHAAAAH
TANK

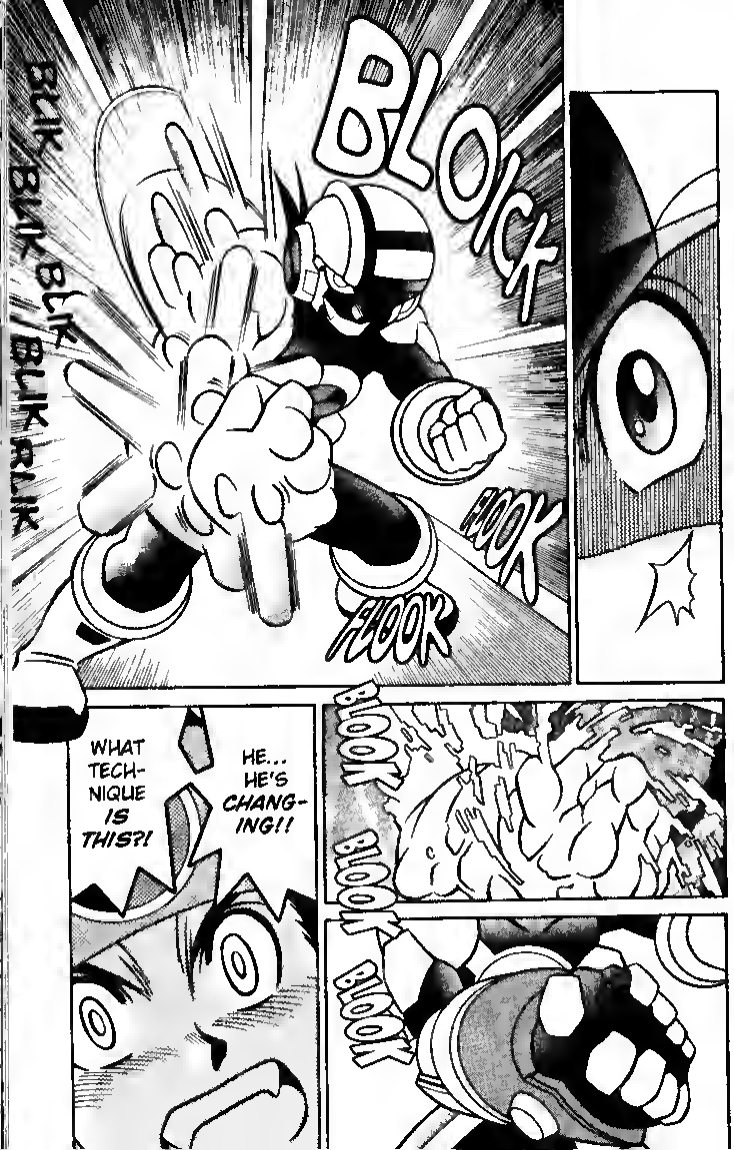

ZWIP
ZWOOP


POW

IN POWER ...IN SPEED!!
HE'S... THE SAME!!


KYUUP

HAVE AT YOU!!


BLOCK
BLOCK
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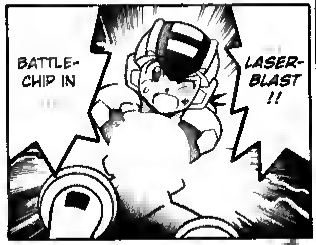
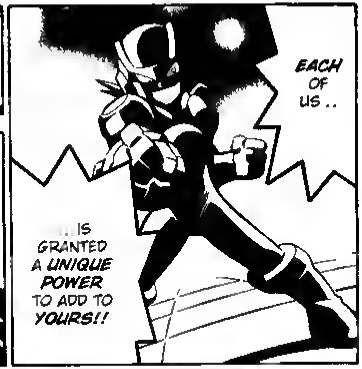
BLK BLK BLK BLK BLK BLK
WHAT TECH-NIQUE IS THIS?!
HE... HE'S CHANG-ING!!
BLOOK
BLOOK
BLOOK

HEH! THE PENNY FINALLY DROPS!
SO I AM
...FIGHTING FOUR OF MYSELF!!
...YOU'RE DEAD WRONG!!
BUT.. IF YOU THINK THAT'S ALL WE ARE..
...BUT WE'RE NOT THE SAME!!
WE ARE IN YOUR IMAGE...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?!

SKIIIssssss
WHAT A PUNCH !!
YAA-AH!!!

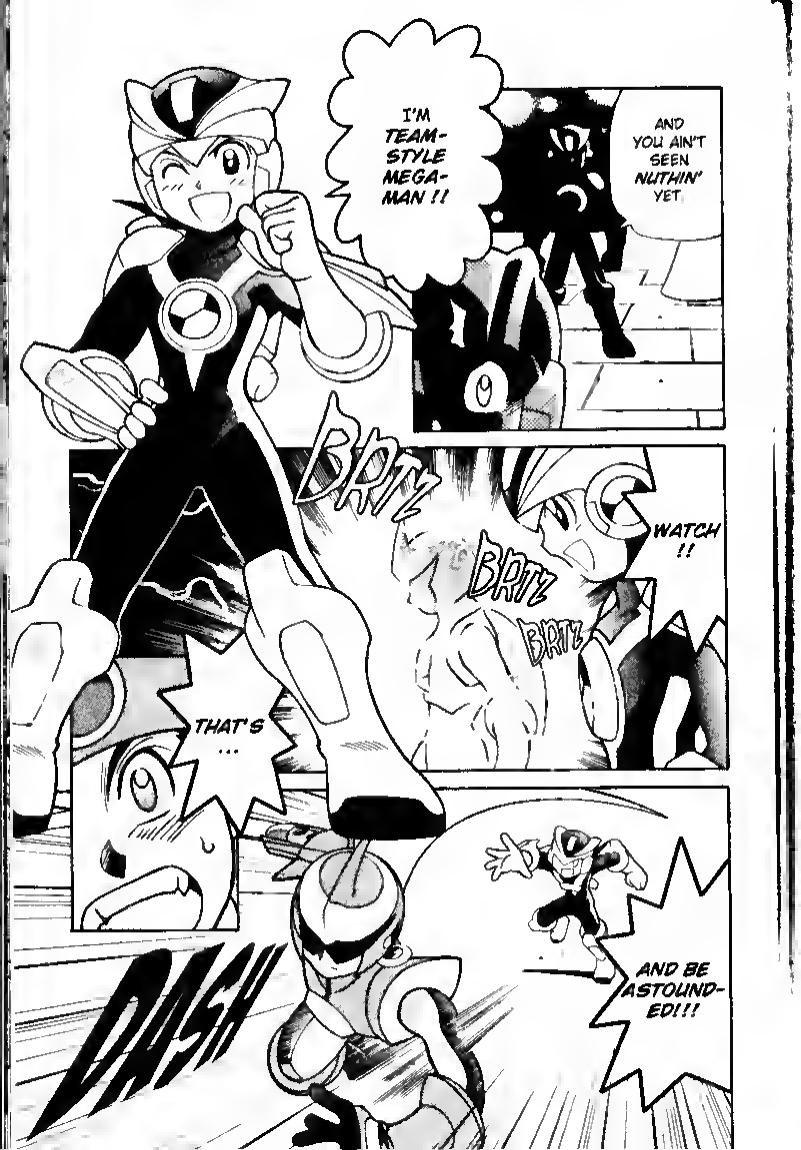
YIPES !!

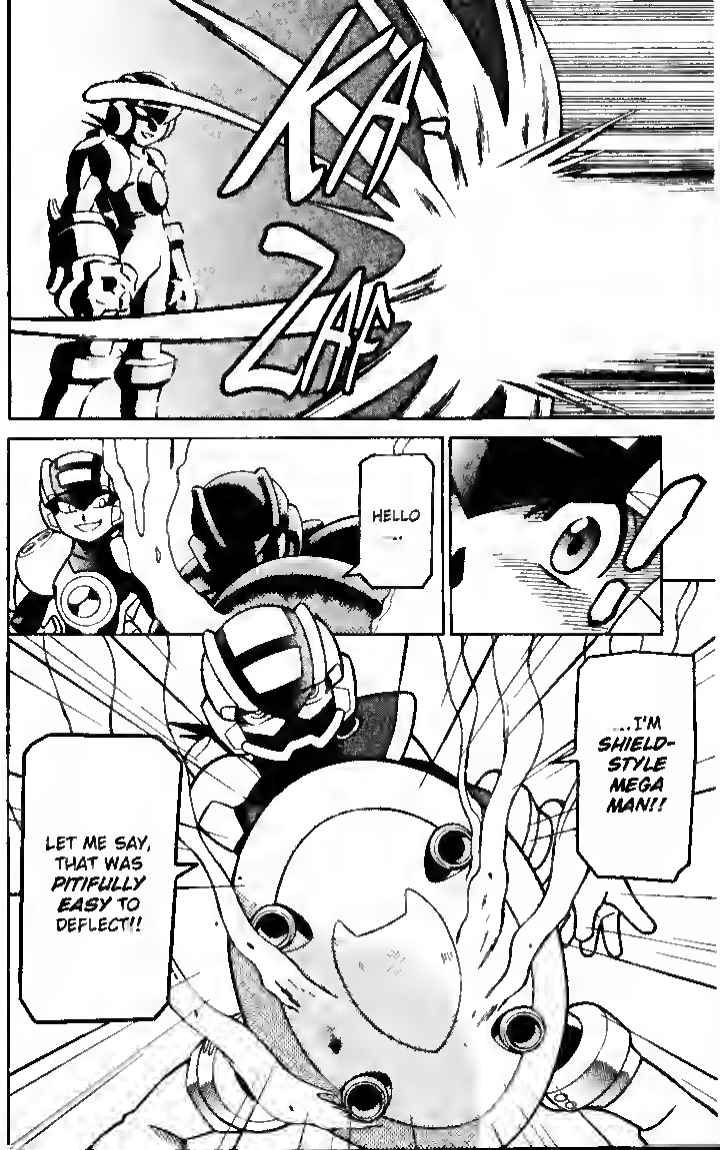

BATTLE-CHIP IN
LASER-BLAST !!


EACH OF US ..
..IS GRANTED A UNIQUE POWER TO ADD TO YOURS!!

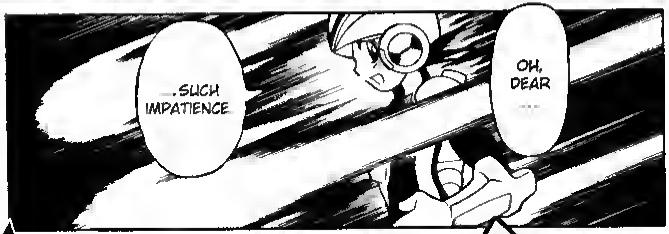
TAKE THIS!!
WOW!

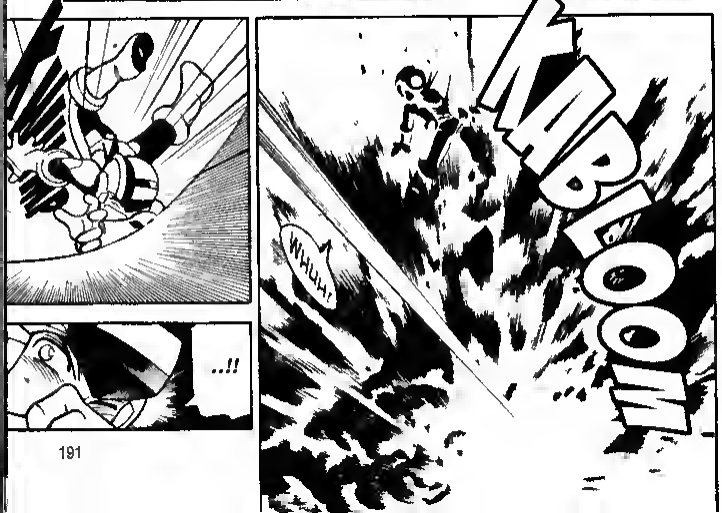
...IS A STYLE-CHANGE !!!
THIS ...
CALL ME GUTS-STYLE MEGA-MAN !!
WHAM!

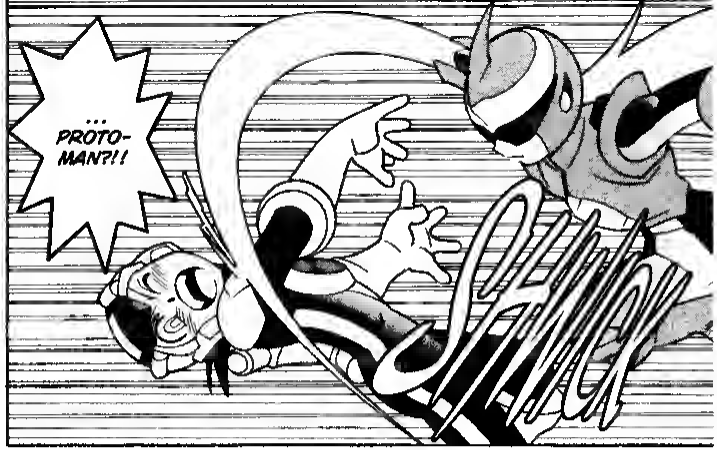

I'M TEAM-STYLE MEGA-MAN!!
AND YOU AIN'T SEEN NUTHIN' YET
BRITZ
BRITZ
BRITZ
WATCH!!
THAT'S...
DASH
AND BE ASTOUND-ED!!!

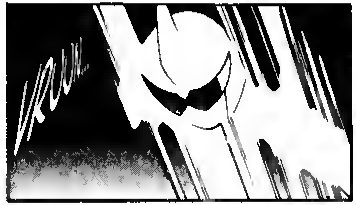

KA-ZAP
HELLO...
...I'M SHIELD-STYLE MEGA MAN!!
LET ME SAY, THAT WAS PITIFULLY EASY TO DEFLECT!!

WHAT ?!
ZWOOM


...SUCH IMPATIENCE
OH, DEAR ...

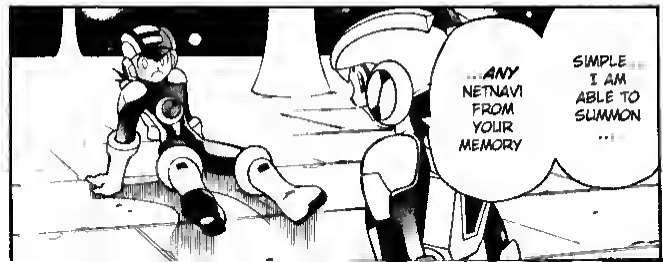

..!!
WHUH?
KABLOOM


...PROTO-MAN?!!
SLICK


KRCH

BOWEEEEEN

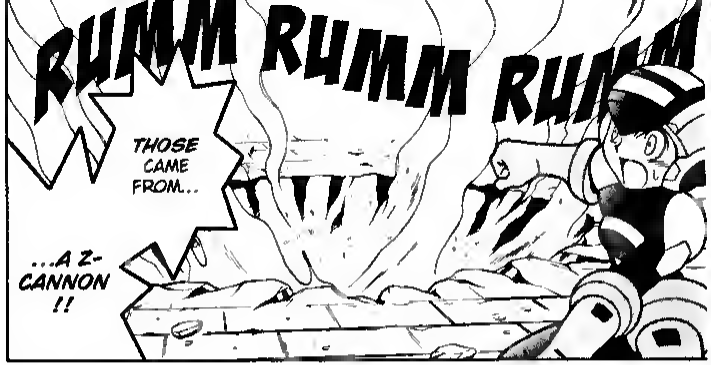
...DID HE GET HERE?!!
HOW ...


...ANY NETNAVI FROM YOUR MEMORY
SIMPLE... I AM ABLE TO SUMMON ...

I AM CUSTOM-STYLE MEGA-MAN !!!
GREET-INGS!

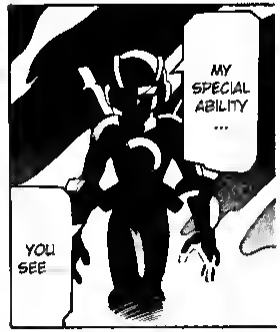
IT'S...
...TOO MUCH!!

...FOUR VASTLY SUPERIOR MEGAMEN !!!
I CAN'T DEFEAT ...
TO BE CONTINUED!!!


RUMM RUMM RUMM
THOSE CAME FROM...
...A Z-CANNON !!

...IS THE POWER TO COMMAND ...
ANY PROGRAM ADVANCE !!!

GULP


MY SPECIAL ABILITY ...
YOU SEE